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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Agreement At Last

GENERAL Naguib's statesmanlike act in reaching an agreement with Britain over the future of the Sudan confirms earlier hopes that the appearance of his regime would result in closer Anglo-Egyptian understanding and the eventual settlement of problems which have plagued the interests of both countries for so long. The Sudanese agreement is for Britain the reward of patient endeavour over a very long period and in the face of considerable obstruction on the part of successive Egyptian governments. The unilateral abrogation of the Condominium by Nuhus Pasha and his proclamation of former King Farouk as King of the Sudan were actions calculated to render the problem of the Sudan insoluble. It remains to the credit of the British Government, however, that despite these setbacks, there has been no wavering from the objective of making the Sudanese a united nation under their own administration. The emergence of General Naguib, his "strong man" handling of political extremists in Egypt, and his determination to succeed in a mission which his predecessors had repudiated, has made possible the agreement which he and the British Ambassador signed in Cairo last week. His action also encourages strong hopes that other outstanding Anglo-Egyptian problems can now be satisfactorily resolved. The complicated question of the Canal Zone appears to be next on the agenda for discussions between Cairo and London, and so much goodwill has been created by the Sudanese settlement that it is reasonably certain an agreement will be achieved, though probably not without hard bargaining on both sides. It does appear, however, that General Naguib possesses respect for Britain's position, in the same way that the British Government has already expressed appreciation of Egypt's legitimate aspirations. In such an atmosphere diplomacy can achieve much that is desirable.

Future of Tariffs

PRESSURE groups that have no axe of their own to grind are rare. The Board of Commerce of the city of Detroit is trying to make history by virtue of the so-called "Detroit Plan" for expansion of trade among the free nations. Its main idea is that free world trade, without protective tariff barriers, should be sought as an ultimate means for helping to solve international economic and political problems and secure international harmony. The plan is said to have stimulated a wave of interest from people in all walks of life, including business men, economists, teachers, editors and trade-unionists. Certainly it is something worthy of note when a business group in the USA calls for the elimination of tariff barriers. And what is more, it has won the support of the San Francisco Chamber. Two swallows don't make a summer, but they are harbingers. Detroit has made it quite clear that it is not a mere stunt of the city famous for its immense automobile manufactures. It expressed its conviction that the United States has reached a point in its economic development where high protection philosophies are contrary to the best interests of labour, the consumer and industry. There is neither the hope nor the intention of any early application of such a plan, but it creates a new course for public thinking, and more will yet be heard of it.

AIR, SEA AND 'QUAKE

DISASTERS

Plane Crashes: Many Bodies Picked Up

New Orleans, Feb. 15. An American helicopter and a cutter today picked up mangled bodies floating on the storm-tossed surface of the Gulf of Mexico, after a National Airlines DC-6 airliner had plunged to disaster in a thunderstorm with 100-mile-an-hour winds.

Forty-one passengers and five crew were on the plane when it crashed yesterday afternoon on a flight from Tampa, Florida, to New Orleans.

Coastguard officials here said the cutter, Blackthorn, and the helicopter began picking up bodies as they floated to the surface from the wreckage, some 60 miles south-east of Mobile, Alabama. By mid-afternoon, the Blackthorn recovered eight bodies.

More Earth Tremors In Persia

Town Completely Devastated

Teheran, Feb. 15. Three more earth tremors shook Torroud—200 miles east of Teheran—yesterday finishing off the few buildings remaining after Thursday's disaster.

Eyewitnesses returning to the capital today told of a typical house in which six of the seven members of the family were killed. The lone survivor was a 10-year-old boy returning from school. He was in the doorway when the quake occurred and was trapped under the door until the next day.

"When I was caught I shouted till my voice gave out," the boy said. "Next morning I heard footsteps nearby. I collected all my strength and shouted again. Those near heard me and I was saved."

An old woman said she could hear her daughter's voice from under the debris for two days, but could not get to her. "Now I no longer hear my daughter's voice," the old woman sighed.

ONE SURVIVOR

In one house where 24 people were living all were killed except one. He was working in the field.

When a correspondent of the Teheran evening paper Keyhan appeared with his camera, survivors flocked round him thinking his camera was an instrument for locating living people underneath the debris. They dragged him from place to place begging him to find their loved ones. Practically all the survivors have been digging continuously in the debris to find lost persons.

One eyewitness spoke of the heavy losses of livestock. He said that one camel alone survived all the animals in the village.

Pathetic quarrels arose when survivors tried to bury their dead. In the confusion it is difficult to determine the exact areas of the burial plots owned by each villager.—Associated Press.

78 Rescued From Ship In Distress

Messina, Sicily, Feb. 15. The United States troopship, General C. H. Muir, today picked up 64 passengers and 14 crew from the 2,766-ton Italian steamer, Tripolitania, which sprang a leak about 200 miles south of Sicily.

Official reports here said that the Italian ship was in grave difficulties. She has sprung a leak and water had entered the engine room. The leak was getting worse.

A high seas salvage tug and several other vessels are racing to the Tripolitania's aid from Messina and other Sicilian ports.

The Tripolitania belongs to the Lloyd Triestino shipping company. She is registered at Naples.—Reuter.

1,000 PERISH

Foreign Minister Hossein Fatemi estimated on Saturday that at least 1,000 perished in the earthquake that wrecked the mountain village of Torroud. Other death estimates ranged up to 1,300 as searching for bodies continued.

Fatemi told reporters that the Red Cross of America and Switzerland have offered aid.

Palace officials said Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi visited the disaster scene. His brother, Prince Alireza Pahlavi, left last night for the quake area.—Associated Press.



Refugees from the Eastern Sector of Berlin cross the tarmac to board a British European Airways plane. More than a thousand refugees were flown to the Western Sector of Berlin daily recently.—London Express.

Socialists Expected To Win Senate

Sydney, Feb. 15. Political observers here today forecast that the Liberal-Country coalition would be swept from control of the Federal Senate in the May 9 election following Labour successes in New South Wales and Western Australia's state elections yesterday.

Results so far available in the state elections show Labour's majority in New South Wales was increased from three to 21 or 22. In Western Australia, Labour won power with a majority of two in a House of 60 seats.

Labour now controls all but one—South Australia—of the six state Parliaments.

The Liberal party, headed by Prime Minister Robert Menzies, formed a coalition government with the Country party of Sir Arthur Fadden in May 1951.

Mr Menzies declined to comment on the election results.

Labour is at present the largest single party in the Senate holding 38 seats to the Liberal party's 21, but the coalition has the support of 33 seats.

Labour is also the strongest single party in the House of Representatives, occupying 54 of a total of 123 seats. The Liberal party holds 47, the Country party 17 and the Liberal Country League five.—Reuter.

“Dead” Man Comes To Life

New York, Feb. 15. An 80-year-old man pronounced dead in his Brooklyn home today was found to be alive after the "body" was removed to a funeral home, police reported.

Police said William Borsman was pronounced dead of "senility and arterial sclerosis" at 11 a.m. by Dr David Blumenfeld. The "body" was taken to Christopher Morton Funeral Home. As Morton began to prepare the body for burial, he discovered that Borsman was breathing. Borsman was taken to hospital.—United Press.

SELLING OUT

Moscow, Feb. 15. The Israel Legation began today selling its furniture, dishes, carpets and foodstuffs as it prepared to leave Moscow after the break in relations with Russia.

Many members of the Moscow diplomatic corps visited the Legation where various items were offered for sale at prices fixed by the Legation.—Associated Press.

TRAIN SMASH: 21 KNOWN KILLED

Benevento, Italy, Feb. 15. Speeding at 65 miles an hour the Bari-Naples express crashed into a closed switch here early on Sunday.

Nine of its ten cars hurled off the track. At least 21 Italians were killed and 80 injured, 23 seriously.

Police arrested the engineer and his assistants. Authorities blamed the train's excessive speed through a heavy rain storm for the accident.

The locomotive's speedometer indicated it was making 65 miles an hour, police said.

Most of the 300 passengers were bound for Naples where they had booked passage for Venezia and a new start in life—far from land-poor, overpopulated Southern Italy.

Witnesses said the train raced into Benevento, through darkness and rain which cut visibility almost to zero. The engineer hit the closed switch apparently without seeing signal warnings, the witnesses said. The small car rammed into a building, injuring a number of workmen standing there. All but the last of the ten coaches derailed.

Railway workers, half-stunned survivors, police and firemen dug into the wreckage and brought out the dead and injured. In addition to the 80 injured, first aid was given to about 100 passengers.—Associated Press.

The Long, Cold Winter

London, Feb. 15. The winter of 1952-1953 will be known to Britons as "the long cold winter."

It began in September and has been notable for its persistent coldness. It will be remembered chiefly for the national flood disaster and the continuance of below average temperatures.

The Air Ministry said today there was still a chance that this persistency would break before the end of the winter period.

Preponderance of north-easterly and north-westerly winds caused below normal monthly averages.

Other irregular features of the winter included a comparatively dry January, lack of fog in November—although December made up for that—and occasional hurricane wind force.—Reuter.

APPEAL TO THE QUEEN

London, Feb. 15. A last minute appeal went to Queen Elizabeth yesterday asking her to save the life of an invalid's pet mongrel.

The dog, five-year-old Penny, was ordered to be destroyed today after her deaf and nearly blind owner, Mrs Isabel Morrow, 66, of Hove, Sussex, was summoned for not keeping a dangerous dog under control.

Penny was described in court as Mrs Morrow's "eyes."

Yesterday, Mrs Morrow lay weeping in bed at her home with Penny lying quietly beside her and a friend wrote to Queen Elizabeth asking her to intervene.

Children and adults all over the country have written to Mrs Morrow offering her other dogs.—Reuter.

Air Lift For Refugees

Protest March In Capetown

Capetown, Feb. 15. Nearly 1,000 Africans and coloured people, some of them women with babies on their backs, marched and sang through Capetown's main streets today after a three-hour, open-air mass meeting protesting against the Malan government's new anti-defence measures.

They carried banners and posters saying: "Freedom in our time" and "Down with the Malan Terror."

The meeting, organised by the African National Congress, the Cape Indian Assembly and the Franchise Action Council (representing Cape Province's non-African coloured voters), passed a resolution denouncing the government's new legislation "designed to create a Fascist Nationalist dictatorship" in South Africa.

Eight days before the last pre-election session of Parliament, deal with the proclamation of states of emergency and increased penalties, including whipping, for defiance of laws.

ACT CONDEMNED

Another resolution condemned the Group Areas Act which divides the country into black and white zones.

Thousands of non-Europeans also protested at Durban today against the new Bills. They attended a meeting convened jointly by the Natal branches of the African and Indian Congresses.

The meeting carried a resolution demanding the immediate withdrawal of the Bills.

The President General of the African National Congress, Mr A. J. Lutuli, said the purpose of the Bills was to "muzzle the people from speaking the truth" and if they became law, South Africa would be a Fascist country.

"We do not mean to use violence in furthering our legitimate demands for freedom," he added.—Reuter.

Offers To Sell Airstrip

Darwin, Feb. 15. John Clincks-Ross, 24-year-old "King" of the Cocos Islands in the Indian Ocean, arrived here tonight on his way to sell the island's airstrip to Australia for an undisclosed price.

The strip is used in the Australia-South Africa air service.

Mr Ross, accompanied by his 22-year-old wife, "Queen Daphne", said the Australian government had only landing rights in the Cocos over which he holds the free hold.

Members of the Scottish Clincks-Ross family discovered the Cocos and settled there in 1828. They were granted a permanent lease by Queen Victoria.—Reuter.

Tides Break Through Dykes In Belgium

BRITISH & DUTCH SEA DEFENCES HOLD OUT

London, Feb. 15. Surging spring tides smashed through hurriedly plugged dykes in Belgium tonight, but in Holland and Britain the newest battle against the sea appeared to have been won.

Dykes along the banks of the River Scheldt were breached and more water flowed into the already inundated lands upriver from Antwerp. Breaks occurred at Temeche and Dornem, but all villagers were evacuated before the waters rose.

Belgian troops rushed to the scene to begin emergency repairs. Troops also were at work strengthening and heightening the dykes at Rupel and Melsele as water flowed over the barriers.

In Holland, radio-equipped teams patrolled dykes weakened in the devastating January floods and tens of thousands of troops and civilian volunteers awaited the call for emergency duty.

Sandbags appeared tonight to have turned the tide in the new Battle of Britain. All along the 300-mile East coastline, from Lincolnshire to the Thames estuary, there was an air of optimism as thousands of flood-fighters continued piling filled sandbags down from castles, European countries on the seawalls and stopping breaches made a fortnight ago by the worst flood since the Middle Ages.

The spring tide was accompanied by favourable weather which decreased the danger for the battered dykes to the minimum in the flooded Southwest. The wind in Holland and Britain was moderate and, more important in Holland, it was blowing from the North-east almost parallel to the coastline.

Unless a strong wind unexpectedly rose, the spring tides would be defeated in both countries, it was believed.—United Press.

PHONETIC SPELLING BILL

London, Feb. 16. British children may be taught to spell horse "hors" and one as "wun" if the government adopts a simplified spelling Bill to be presented to the House of Commons today.

It is sponsored by a brilliant linguist and life-long campaigner for simplified spelling, Dr Montagu Pollard, Labour member for Loughborough, Central England.—Reuter.

Tribesmen In Revolt

Teheran, Feb. 15. Loyal government forces were reported to be bombarding a rebel fortress in the southwest oilfields tonight to crush a small-scale revolt of tribesmen led by a relative of Queen Soraya.

The semi-official Teheran newspaper Ettelaat said four columns of loyal troops had encircled a rebel stronghold at Quichezar, 45 miles from the oil centre of Masjed Suleiman, and were pounding it with cannon fire.

"Troops were said to have been rushed from the garrisons at Ahwaz, Isfahan and Masjed Suleiman."

Opposing the government forces were a number of Bakhtiari tribesmen, a fiercely independent group who have opposed the central authority regardless of who was in power in Teheran.

Ettelaat said the tribesmen—led by Abolghasem Bakhtiari, a relative of the Queen—killed two officers and 40 soldiers and captured 30 others sent to quell them.

Reinforcements commanded by Colonel Kyrman Bakhtiari, a relative of the Queen and nephew of the rebel leader, were sent from three garrisons after reports of the initial defeat reached the authorities.

Officers killed in the first clash were identified as the commander of a loyal unit, Colonel Motarraf, and a reserve officer from Masjed Suleiman.—United Press.

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Britain Now Exporting Military Planes To Friendly Powers



Alvin (Spoke) Rhando, a Canadian engineer living in Surrey, built this motor scooter. He hopes to market similar machines for about £150, and leaves within a few days on a trip to Cape Town, South Africa.—Express Photo.

General Harding Had A Surprise For The Troops

London, Feb. 15.

It was inspection day—inspection by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff himself. Every weapon and every soldier shone. Then it happened—a surprise order to turn out a force to defend a radar station six miles away.

Major P. J. Lewis, Officer Commanding the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) Depot at Canterbury, read the message, glanced briefly at the C.I.G.S., General Sir John Harding, and went into action.

The General was smiling faintly. He stood back to watch. The secret had been well kept. Only a favoured few knew the operation order was to be given. It followed the Prime Minister's order that all troops must be ready to cope with emergencies.

The "emergency" this week came with a blizzard just beginning to blow and the light was fading.

Major Lewis had to find three platoons of men with vehicles, small arms, and provisions, and dispatch them to the little Kentish village of Dunkirk, near

SCARED BY BRITAIN'S JET LEAD

London, Feb. 15.

American aircraft manufacturers are so disturbed by the success of British jet planes that they are offering ten years' credit on orders to get customers.

This effort to divert orders for jets—which the Americans have not yet started to make—was revealed by Mr. George Edwards, 44-year-old chief designer of Vickers-Armstrong, in a television interview.

Mr. Edwards designed the Vickers Viscount prop-jet airliner and the four-jet Valiant bomber. An order from Trans-Canada Airlines for 15 Viscounts valued at more than £4,000,000 was last year claimed by Vickers to be the biggest single dollar order received by a British firm since the war.

Afterwards, Mr. Edwards, who in his firm's super salesman as well as director, said: "I know of two cases in which American manufacturers have offered long credits in an effort to get orders. In one they offered nine years and in the other ten, and no doubt there are other cases."

"It is a sign that they are very worried. It is the only way open to them to try to get orders."

"It is an effort by the Americans to overcome the technical inferiority of their planes."

"It is a tribute to us, and a sign of how frightened they are by the lead we have established in jet machines."

London, Feb. 15.

British military aircraft are now available for export in sufficient number and variety to enable friendly foreign powers to re-equip their entire air forces with modern planes.

The Government has approved plans for exporting military planes to many countries, in America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. But priority will be given to Britain's own air force and to NATO and Commonwealth countries.

There may, however, be some restriction on the export of certain types of equipment, such as radar and armaments.

Since 1950, British military aircraft exports have been on a reduced scale, because of large home demand, but manufacturers believe that production has been increased to the point where overseas requirements can now be met. Foreign air forces have been waiting for the opportunity, and orders are growing.

These exports are regarded as an additional safeguard for Britain's own security, not only because they strengthen her allies, but also because production is at full capacity.

The types available for export include some of the latest designs now going into service with the R.A.F.

The trainers available are the Provost basic trainer, the Balliol advanced trainer, the Meteor and Vampire jet trainer, and the Pembroke and Devon 'classrooms'.

NAVAL FIGHTER

Jet aircraft in production for export are the Vampire, Venom and Meteor day fighters, the NF11 and Venom night-fighters and the Sea Venom naval fighter. Canberra bombers will also be exported.

Then there are the Shackleton Coastal reconnaissance aircraft, the Firefly 1 naval reconnaissance fighter, and the Pembroke and 170 Freighter transports. The Beverley Freighter will also be coming along soon.

Helicopters being built for export are the Sikorski, the S.61 and S.55. Auster light observation are also being sold abroad.

Foreign air forces have welcomed this expansion of British exports. In many cases, the operational jets now available will form their "front line" of defence.

British modern jet bombers are in especially keen demand.

RELIABLE AND SAFE

These aircraft have a higher performance than other types currently available to most overseas countries, and there is the added advantage that air crews and ground engineers can be trained by British instructors from the start. Air Forces buying British are also assured of continued servicing after delivery, and a regular flow of spares and supplies, often from a servicing team based in their own country.

All the planes have been thoroughly tried and tested in service, and foreign air-crews will thus have reliable and safe equipment with a long life ahead of it.

In Britain, it is pointed out that the export of military aircraft not only ensures a valuable link in the chain of defence, it also brings overseas technicians into closer contact with the latest British developments in science and industry. That contact, if it is strengthened and continued, holds great promise for world security and understanding.—London Express Service.

Expecting More Lost Children

London, Feb. 15.

Bigger crowds are expected at the Zoo during the Coronation period, so the first-aid post there is being enlarged.

"It is not that we expect larger crowds to mean more casualties, although this will almost certainly be the case," says Mr. John A. Webb, 60-year-old St. John Ambulance supervisor.

"Main reason is the increase there is certain to be in the number of lost children."

Real Thing At Last?

Belgrade, Feb. 15.

Flying saucers today whirled over the roofs of Kotei Neman, a district of Belgrade, at varying speeds and heights.

Belgrade Radio explained later that the saucers had been made by the Yugoslav Air Force Construction Institute as an experiment. They measure about 40 inches across and weigh about four and a half pounds. They are controlled by wireless and can reach a speed of 31 miles an hour, the Radio said.

It was not explained how the saucers were powered.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS PARADE IN PT. ARTHUR

London, Feb. 15.

The New China News Agency reported today that more than 400 Russian troops paraded in Port Arthur, at the southern tip of Manchuria, on Friday to celebrate the third anniversary of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Treaty.

Observers said the Russians were only a small number of the Soviet Army garrison at Port Arthur.

Russia is allowed to station troops there under the treaty, but this was the first time there has been official Chinese mention of any number.

The observers said the figure had probably been given to assure the Chinese that there were not many Russian soldiers on their soil.

For the past two days, the News Agency has been reporting rallies in China's big cities, celebrating the anniversary of the treaty.

Soviet Consul-General Morozov, from nearby Dairen, attended the Port Arthur rally. It was added that Chen Poteun, Secretary of the Port Arthur-Dairen Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, urged the Chinese to learn from Russia's achievements in large-scale economic construction.

Soviet Vice-Consul-General Vasiliev addressed a rally in Mukden.

Mass rallies in Sian, Shensi Province; Canton, Kwangtung Province; Nanking, Kiangsi Province; and Hangchow, voiced their determination to respond to Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's call to "learn from Russia," the News Agency added.—Reuter.

Eight-Year-Old To Conduct

London, Feb. 15.

Home Office permission has been given for an eight-year-old Italian girl, Glanella de Marco, to conduct the London Philharmonic Orchestra at Manchester on March 10 and at the Royal Albert Hall two days later, on condition that she receives no payment.

Impresario Harold Fielding will challenge the ruling on payment but will hand all profits to the National Children's Home and Orphanage, Reuter.

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Big Bauxite Finds In Australia

Melbourne, Feb. 15. Important discoveries of bauxite, basic material for aluminium, have been made in Arnhem Land, in Australia's Far North. The bauxite deposits, located in three newly-found fields, are large enough to supply Australia's needs and leave a surplus for export for as far into the future as can be foreseen. Two of the new fields are near big industrial centres on the north coast of New South Wales. Deposits of tin ore, which could make Australia independent of tin from Malaya and Burma, have also been discovered.—London Express Service.

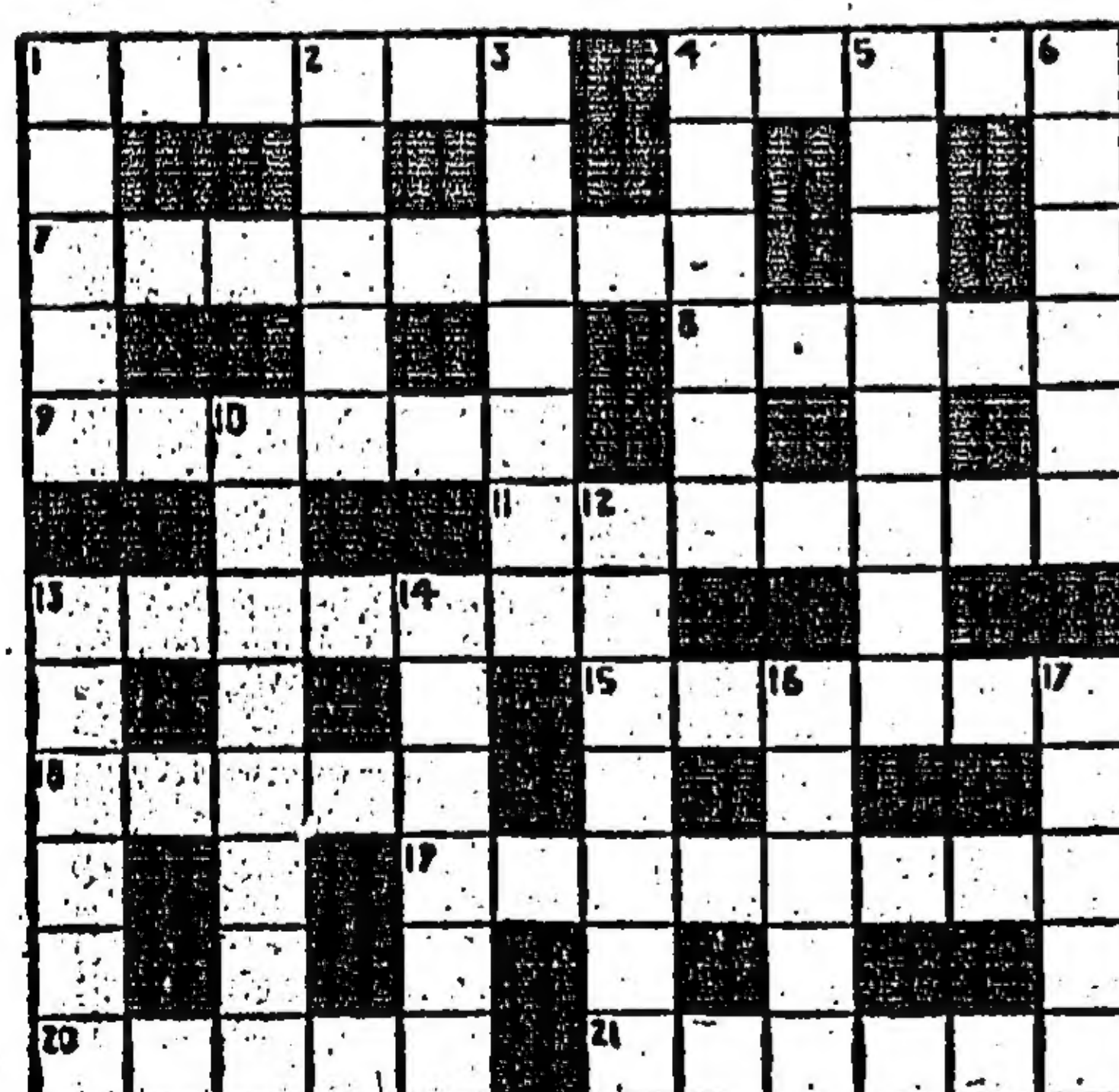
ATOMIC EXPORTS BOOMING

London, Feb. 15. Britain's atomic exports are booming. Last year 3,300 consignments of radioactive isotopes were flown from London. The isotopes—chemicals which have been made radioactive—are the products of the atomic pile at Harwell. They are used in medical research and treatment and in industry all over the world. Many are flown to South Africa and South America in the specially made wingtip compartments of BOAC airliners, where they cannot affect crew or passengers. Others are packed in lead-lined boxes which change colour if affected by the atom rays. Figures just released show the growth of this export drive. Only 23 consignments were sent abroad in 1948, 220 in 1949, 1,250 in 1950, 2,210 in 1951. This year the figure is expected to pass the 4,000 mark.

HANDS OVER

London, Feb. 10. Lieutenant-General William Bridgeford, Commander-in-Chief since November 1951 of British Commonwealth forces in Korea and Japan, yesterday handed over his command to Lieutenant-General H. Wells. In a message to General Bridgeford on his retirement, the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff mentioned his outstandingly successful work in this post and praised him for the high efficiency and reputation of the Commonwealth division among the United Nations.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Regular trade.
 - Undergrowth.
 - Cut short.
 - Comical.
 - Map.
 - Tumbled down.
 - Burning.
 - Material.
 - Acc.
 - Discourage.
 - Walk unsteadily.
- DOWN**
- Gross.
 - Snares.
 - Go abroad to live.
 - Unexpected.
 - Resort.
 - Madhouse.
 - Executive.
 - Unyielding.
 - Struck.
 - Cavalryman.
 - Headquarters of regiment.
 - Purpose.

FRIDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Spot, 4 Largest, 8 Robt, 9 Gino, 10 Prosper, 11 Muse, 12 Lido, 14 Espouse, 17 Adorn, 18 Vagabond, 20 Levy, 21 Area, 22 Sincere, 23 Rod, 24 Cold, 25 Feasted, 26 Stem. Down: 2 Palled, 3 Tremor, 4 Loose, 5 Arrest, 6 Gusto, 7 Sheds, 12 Lair, 13 Dogs, 15 Urge, 16 Eddy, 18 Source, 20 Alarm, 21 Evolve, 23 Eddy, 24 Picks, 25 Treach.

Singapore, Feb. 15. Malaya is working all-out on its supreme Coronation gift for the Queen.

The gift—victory over the Red rebels by June and the end of the five-year emergency. Such victory would mean that the Empire's No. 1 dollar earner could go ahead with big development plans unhindered by Communist killers.

It would also ease the strain on Britain's services, for fewer troops would be needed in a peaceful Malaya.

At present men of nearly a dozen Empire peoples from Scotland to Fiji are sweeping the jungles in pursuit of dispirited Red gangs.

And British and Australian airmen are dropping hundreds of thousands of leaflets over wild areas where the bandits are skulking.

Though Malaya's Red leaders—some of them marched in London's victory parade—are determined that the Malayan contingent to the Coronation parade shall not take "the best present" with them, it is a fair assumption that the Communist attempt at rebellion will soon be finally quashed.

Every race in Malaya, meantime, is preparing to make the Coronation period the most colourful ever. Malays, Chinese, Indians, Eurasians and, of course, the British are determined to turn the occasion into a breath-taking gesture of loyalty to the Crown.

NO DOUBT

It is certain that three million Chinese—the biggest Chinese group in the Empire—will stage a show so spectacular that no one will doubt their devotion to Queen and Commonwealth.

For the demonstration of good-will should exceed anything since the liberation from the Japanese.

Singapore, an almost entirely Chinese city, is preparing to stage a show so spectacular that no one will doubt their devotion to Queen and Commonwealth.

Even Malaya's aborigines will take part in the spectacle. They are to be invited to quit their jungle fastness for a competition—against archers. The tiny aborigines will pit their blowpipe darts against fiery arrows in a target shooting contest.

Sign of the times is that patriotism is becoming fashionable. At an almost all-Chinese production of "H.M.S. Pinaford" recently, a packed audience loudly applauded the spirited singing of "And it's greatly to his credit that he is an Englishman."

First In 30 Years

Algiers, Feb. 15. Heavy snow blanketed the Oran suburbs today for the first time in 30 years.—Reuters.

PORTABLE RADIOS IN DEMAND

(From Russell Spurr)

Seoul, Feb. 15. Coronation broadcasts will be clearly heard by Commonwealth troops in Korea. A new mobile radio station to be installed close behind the front will relay the celebrations and ceremonies direct to tent and dug-out.

Search has already begun for small portable radios—and units are expected to be well-represented in Britain to rush out more.

Major Jack Pounds, officer in charge of broadcasting, told me: "Our men can't afford their own radios like other United Nations troops. A number are being bought from unit funds, but not enough. We want many more."

The new transmitter will pick up special Coronation radio relays from a B.B.C. "boosting" station in South Malaya. The Westminster Abbey ceremonies will be late at night by Korean time, but every effort is being made to let as many men as possible hear them.

"We have been considering linking the broadcasts to loudspeakers in no-man's-land," said an intelligence officer. "It might do the Communists good to hear the British people shouting 'God Save the Queen.'"

The Division will be the first in the world to operate its own radio station. The Americans have them in Korea—but only one to each army corps.

Broadcasts are due to start later this month. Programmes will be mainly recordings from Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.—London Express Service.

Wealthy Wife Is Found Dead

London, Feb. 15. Mrs Elizabeth Kolb, 63-year-old wife of a wealthy business man, was found dead, a dead Pekinese in her lap, in her St. John's Wood, N.W. flat. Sitting beside her on a gold and red striped settee was her unconscious husband, Mr Louis M. Kolb.

The discovery was made by the Kolbs' maid when she opened the triple-locked front door of their 2,000-sq-ft flat in Wellingtoncourt.

Police found three letters addressed to Mr Kolb's solicitor, Scotland Yard, and the corner. Two tumblers, each half-full of a colourless liquid, were taken to a laboratory for analysis.

Late at night Mr Kolb was stated to be recovering. He was semi-conscious. A detective waited at his hospital bedside.

Two registered letters which arrived just as Mr and Mrs Kolb were found were taken by the police for examination.

Acquaintances said: "Mr and Mrs Kolb moved into the flat three years ago. He is a naturalised Czech, and was a lawyer. They appeared to be very wealthy, had owned two cars and kept a chauffeur, and Mrs Kolb was always elegantly and exquisitely dressed, often in a magnificent fur coat."

"Mr Kolb, who is 61, appeared to be the successful business man."

Albanian Accuses Russians

London, Feb. 15. Radio Belgrade quoted an Albanian medical student today as saying the Soviet Union took from Albania the equivalent of a 'million penicillin injections' furnished by the International Red Cross and replaced them with inferior Russian-made penicillin.

The broadcast from Yugoslavia quoted Gene Korca, who said he fled to Belgrade after working in civil and military hospitals in Tirana, Albania's capital. He said the Russians also seized the ambulance supplied by the Red Cross and gave Albania an old car in its place.—Associated Press.

Royalty Goes Shopping



The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret spent an hour and a quarter in an antique shop in Cambridge the other day. It was a surprise visit from Sandringham but word got around and when they left the shop crowds were waiting to cheer and wave. In the shop the Royal customers were particularly interested in furniture, glass and china; they took three parcels back to Sandringham. They are seen here entering their car after their expedition.—Reutersphoto.

Birds Can Talk In Their Own Fashion

New York, Feb. 15. Birds can talk—in their own fashion. This is the report of two scientists of two American associations for the advancement of science after investigation. The scientists have made experiments with hens and chicks.

Americans Denounce Red Action

New York, Feb. 15. Mr George Meany, President of the American Federation of Labour (AFL), and Senator Irving Ives (Republican, New York), today called for United Nations action against what they described as Soviet anti-Semitism.

Mr Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York State, said the purpose of the Communist persecution was nothing less than genocide (race murder), and many other prominent Americans sent messages denouncing the Soviet actions to the conference of the National Committee for Labour in Israel.

Mr Dewey said: "This programme of terror concerns not alone people of Jewish faith but also all Americans and all the free nations of the earth."

Senator Ives said he had asked Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and the United Nations delegation to the United Nations "to bring these Soviet outrages before the bar of world opinion."—Reuters.

Death Of Composer

Rome, Feb. 15. Alberto Mantovani, 74, well-known conductor and composer of the opera, "The Rogue of Paris", died today.—Associated Press.

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Reds Kill A Modern Pimpernel

"King Of Smugglers Of Human Beings"

Trieste, Feb. 15. Yugoslavia's Scarlet Pimpernel, Romano Carlovich, 41, of Trieste, who has smuggled across the frontier hundreds of people who wanted to escape from Tito's regime, has been killed by the Communist police as he was trying to take yet another group across.

Carlovich had become a legend for his daring and reliability which had won him the nickname of "King of the Smugglers of Human Beings." His fees varied according to circumstances but, considering the risks involved, they were termed reasonable.

People trying to rescue their friends or relatives from Yugoslavia, got in touch in Trieste with one of Carlovich's representatives and put down, say, 2,100 and gave an undertaking to pay another 2,200 as soon as the operation was completed. The rest was left to Carlovich, who had a vast organisation in Yugoslavia, and who, despite the danger, "delivered the goods" with regularity.

During the last and most dangerous lap Carlovich escorted the fugitives personally. In cases where he could not carry out his mission he always refunded the deposit.

IN AMBUSH

On January 11, Carlovich and his lieutenant, Milan Kallgarich, were taking eight people to the border over a mountain pass in the Istria region. The Yugoslav police, probably warned by an informer, had prepared an ambush and, as the party reached the pass, opened fire with machine-guns. The two smugglers fired back but eventually were overpowered by superior force.

Carlovich died in the encounter. His lieutenant sought to escape but was later tracked down and surrounded in a wood. Having exhausted his ammunition, he committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree, rather than fall alive into the hands of the Communists.

One of the refugees was wounded and six captured. Only one reached Trieste.

A Chainless Bicycle

Tokyo, Feb. 15. A bicycle manufacturer in Shizuoka Prefecture, Central Japan, reported he succeeded in manufacturing a chainless bicycle.

Its cost will be slightly higher than an ordinary bicycle, the manufacturer said.

The new bicycles are to be exported to Brazil and Indonesia soon, he added.—Reuters.

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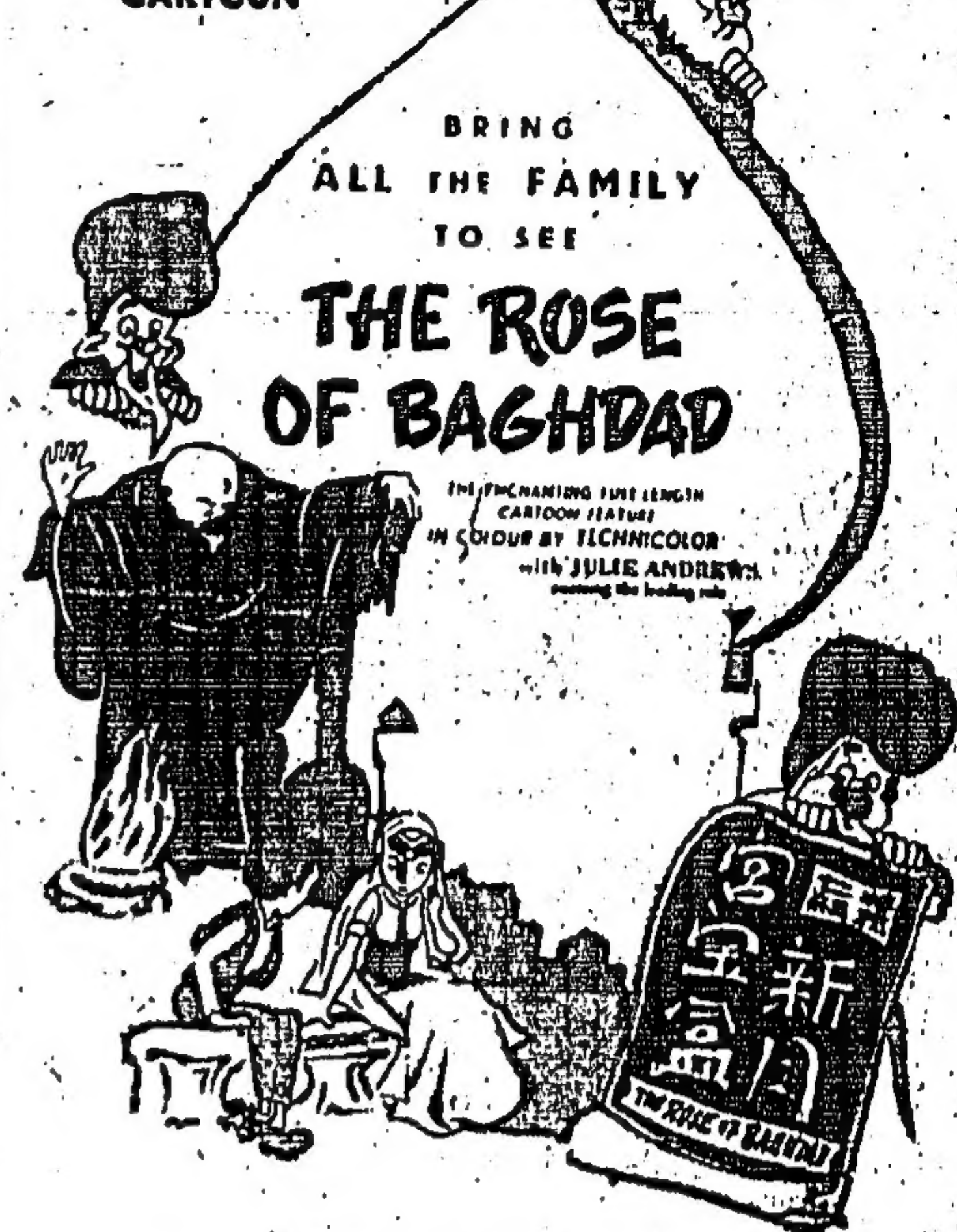
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FIRST 100 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The camera was still a daring modern invention in 1853 when a group of men met on January 20 of that year in a house in John Adam Street, London, to found the world's first photographic club, later to achieve fame as the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, which, for the next 100 years, waged and won its struggle for the recognition of photography as a serious branch of both art and science and became the "father" of 650 photographic clubs in Great Britain and many more abroad.

Only a few years previous to this meeting Daguerre had startled Paris with the "daguerreotype" process named after him, while in England W. H. Fox-Talbot had produced the first negative—a shot of Lacock Abbey in Wiltshire. These pioneers had to face many difficulties, for exposures took as much as an hour in some cases, cameras were large and cumbersome, and there was no known method of reproducing the sky. The Frenchman's process, too, produced a positive, not a negative, so that copies could not be made.

The Society spent two years persuading Fox-Talbot to relax for amateurs his patent of the calotype—the only known method of producing negatives—so that members could make their own photographs. Soon afterwards they were aided by the invention of the Collodion or wet-plate process, and, in 1839, of the dry-plate on which modern photography depends. During its recent centenary celebrations historians of the Royal Photographic Society were able to point to an unbroken record which makes it the oldest existing photographic society in the world, with activities dating from the time when primitive photographs were being taken of scenes during the Crimean War.

These pictures brought fame to the first photographer, who may be said to have been the first war photographer. He was commissioned to take the pictures for the Manchester publisher, Thomas Agnew, and

his account of the efforts of the British soldiers to have likenesses "look" make amusing reading.

It was Fenton who initiated the scheme for a photographic society, from a club of pioneer photographers in London who met at each other's houses to compare results and exchange ideas and prints following experiments under patent licence with Fox-Talbot's patented paper process.

GREAT EXHIBITION

The 1851 International display of photography at the Great Exhibition, and the introduction of the collection process by Frederick Scott Archer, who failed to patent his invention, so swelled the ranks of amateur photographers that Fenton felt the time was ripe for the formation of a photographic society. Fenton and five others began the preliminary formation work, and only Talbot's patent was standing in the way of their schemes.

Finally the latter was prevailed upon to relax his patent right, still reserving, however, the licensing of professional portraiture.

Encouraged by the success under the Society of Arts of the first public exhibition in Britain solely devoted to the new art and attracting 800 photographs in December, 1852, Fenton staged a public meeting to inaugurate the photographic society on January 20, 1853, at which he was elected honorary secretary after declining the post of president.

Four months later Queen Victoria and Prince Albert gave it Royal patronage. Membership stood at 463 in 1854, when the Society became by Royal Charter the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

Criticism And Slander In The Soviet Union

By ELIZABETH HUNKIN

ONE of the primary tasks of Soviet Party organisations at the present time is to transform the principle of criticism and self-criticism from slogan into living fact. By such means it is hoped to keep all departments of Soviet life free from malpractices and inefficiency. But it is a very ambitious hope, for the kind of criticism encouraged in the Soviet Union brings new problems in its wake.

In the first place it can be used too easily to exploit personal antagonisms, and it easily degenerates into malicious slander. In fact, slander is a widespread evil in the Soviet Union. No less a person than Shkiriyov, Chairman of the Central Control Commission of the Soviet Communist Party, revealed this in his speech at the 19th Congress in October, 1952. He deplored the existence of people who, "under the guise of criticism, think up false accusations, write about non-existent facts, and invent all kinds of nonsense, absurd rumours and completely unfounded accusations... people who from private motives of self-interest try maliciously to defame and slander honest folk."

Moreover, the details of such slander cases are to be found in the Soviet press. Authorities are attacked which do not take firm measures against slander and the waste of time and manpower it involves; for the system of "criticism" and its perversion, leads to a new form of laziness. Every petty case of slander appears, sets in motion cumbersome bureaucratic machinery.

Shkiriyov, for example, told me no fewer than 40 officials had been employed to check on the 120 denunciations, all unjustified, of a Party member named Baranov. The newspaper Pravda (Ukraine) in May, 1952, reported that the manager of a canteen in Kherson had brought unsubstantiated charges against 200 people. In a collective farm, belonging to a woman doctor, by her denunciations, wasted the time of 13 commissions made up of about 30 people.

The nature of some of the charges taken so seriously by these numerous commissions shows the atmosphere of distrust and fear that still exists in the Soviet Union. Too easily, the shortcomings, real or imaginary, of the accused are represented as deliberate sabotage.

For example, according to Izvestia of July 1, 1952, a keeper in Grozny, who was active in introducing innovations and in criticising those who stood in their path, was accused of a number of "crimes" by the director of the central beekeeping office for the area. It was said that he deliberately made false wax, had stolen sugar belonging to a collective farm, and had infected collective farm animals with disease. Not until investigation commissions had spent much time in examining these charges were they dismissed as absurd.

In another case, a woman insisted that one of her colleagues (who had dared to criticise her) was the daughter of a "kulak," had been engaged in sabotage, and was "an enemy of the Soviet people." Although her fellow workers were disgusted by these charges, they could not be dropped until a commission had examined them.

The danger of slander is not, of course, the only problem connected with Soviet "criticism." The effectiveness of the system, both as a substitute for genuine democracy and as a means of increasing efficiency, has hitherto been greatly impaired by the natural attitude of the population towards it. Few officials take kindly to criticism and many ways have been found to suppress or ignore it. This was a prominent theme in the Soviet press not least in the satirical journal Krokodil long before the 19th Congress. Many Party and local government organs pay ostentatious lip service to the benefits of criticism in general, yet quietly ignore it in practice.

How mechanical the slogan has become was well illustrated by a Ukrainian speaker at the 19th Congress—Krichenko. He alleged that at meetings of Party and local government organisations, at which, in fact, there had not been any criticism, all secretaries would repeat: "The criticism of the Committee was correct; all the necessary measures will be taken by the Committee; the criticism has helped us and we shall draw conclusions from it." At the same time, cruel reprisals have sometimes been

taken against subordinates who dared to criticise. Charges have been trumped up against them and they have lost their jobs or even been arrested. Against all these abuses the Party must now contend with new vigour. The new clause in the Party statute has not automatically eliminated them. Already Pravda has reported on post-Congress Party gatherings at which criticism has made no headway and well-founded accusations have been brusquely dismissed.

Rx for fitness without exercise

I CAN give my recipe for fitness without exercise in one word: RELAX.

Then you can drop all exercise, except maybe for a daily walk or the purposeful bodily movements associated with your hobby, such as gardening.

But the human body is so constituted that if you take something away from it—in this case, regular exercise—you must give something back in return.

So here are some substitutes which, when combined, will do away with the desire for violent exercise.

Stand 'tall'
To a great degree, your health and vitality depend on how you stand, walk, and sit. If you stand and walk properly you are, in fact, exercising yourself for about 15 to 18 hours a day, so you don't need any more exertion.

Before you begin to improve your posture, you must believe that (so long as you are not physically deformed) you can improve it.

In **STANDING**, your feet should be parallel, weight on the outer edges and never on the soles or heels. Draw your abdomen in and up; push your chest out; stand "tall"—remembering that most of us can lose from half to one inch by standing in a slovenly way.

To see if your standing posture is right, stand with your back against a wall. If you are standing correctly, you will find it hard to squeeze your hand between the small of your back and the wall. It is a good idea to stand like this for 30 seconds every day.

Stretch your feet
NEXT—**SITTING**. Sit erect—sit "tall"—and sit slumped down in your chair. Sit well down into the chair, weight on your thighs. And don't cross your legs or curl them under the chair; this weakens the spine.

Stretch your feet out in front of you on the floor. Lastly, **WALKING**. As you walk, swing your legs from the hip. As the weight of your body comes down on your leg, straighten it but don't stiffen it.

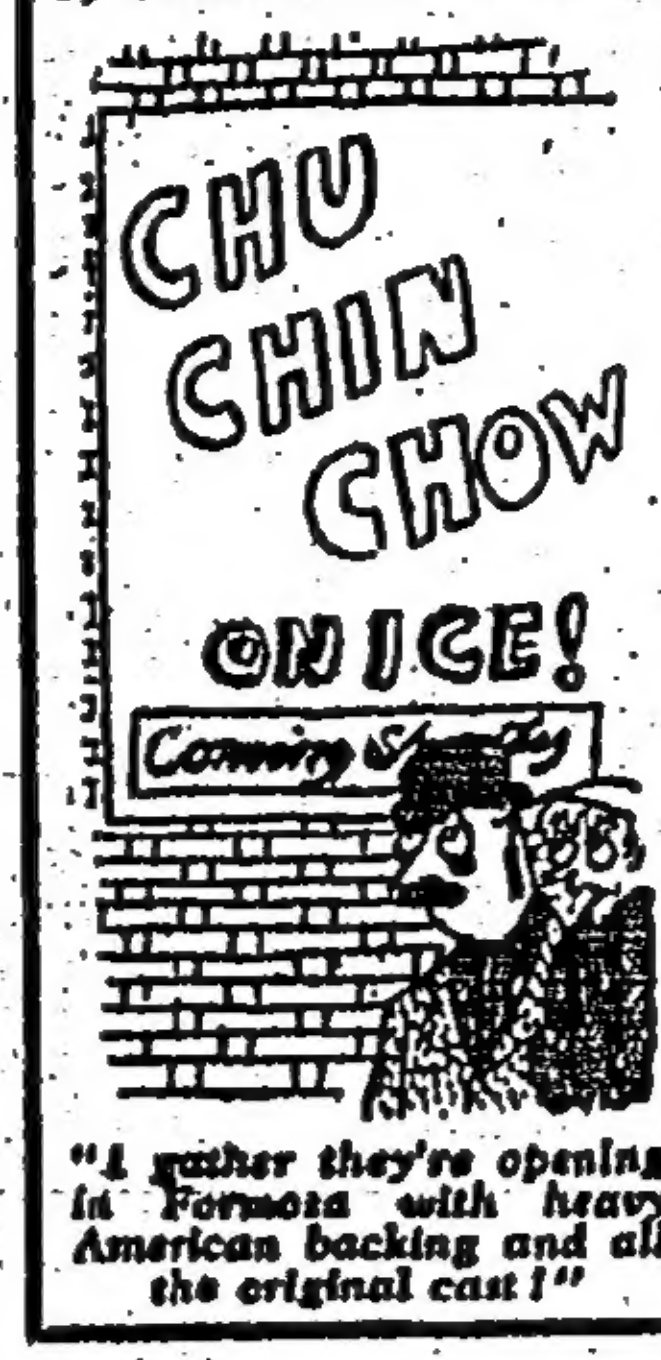
As your other foot comes forward and the first goes back, push it "into the ground"—to give you that springy feeling. My next substitute for exercise is—**SLEEP**.

Most people are the better for eight hours' sleep every night. Lack of sleep is the equivalent of over-exercise. If you find that sleep is hard to come, don't worry about it. Tell yourself that it is not necessary; that you are resting—and then sleep will come.

Take a holiday
MY third substitute for exercise is: **A HOLIDAY**.

Nothing tires the brain so much as routine work, and the best relief for an exhausted brain is a properly planned holiday. Generally speaking, a good holiday is one in which you take part in new activities and unusual surroundings. It is the remedy for fatigue and boredom. I know one man, a busy doctor, who takes a week off every spring and books a room in a city hotel—and stay in that room all the time. He takes 14 pairs of pyjamas with him; one pair for lounging in during the day, one for night. And after a week of this relaxation he comes back to his busy practice ready and able for more work. Other people make a mistake of trying to be physically active on their "vacation" holiday. Although they have

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



A DOCTOR GIVES FOUR SUBSTITUTES FOR P.T.

sedentary jobs for the rest of the year. Just forget all about activity when you are on holiday—and it will be the best holiday you have ever had.

My last substitute for exercise: **A HOBBY**.

Begin to play early on in life; take part in something besides your job. The unhappiest people are those who have spent their early and middle lives just making money—and who developed no parallel side interests.

If they are asked to slow up, they say: "I can't just now. My work is my hobby." Later on, when I'm older, I will, but not now. The "later on" of course, never comes.

Such are my substitutes for exercise. They will work, I know, for I have tried them myself.

FROM "How to Keep Fit Without Exercise" by Steinbock, M.D. World's Work, Inc.

R.M. MacColl's COLUMN... WHERE VIEWS ARE NEWS

... beginning with a quick one

WHAT is this strange business of "fashionable pubs"? As the late Gertrude Stein once laughingly remarked: "A pub, is a pub, is a pub." A fashionable pub is a contradiction in terms. I shall never willingly enter one in future as the main thing about them is that it is more difficult to get at the bar than in a non-fashionable one.



The G.I.s and us—they're in the 'goldfish bowl'

I SEE that another body has been formed to "prevent the growth of misunderstanding between Britain and America."

This one bears the portentous title of the Unit for Education in the United Kingdom in Current Commonwealth-American Affairs. It is to be headed, rather oddly, by the former deputy-secretary for military affairs in the Cabinet.

I am sure that in its well-intentioned, amiable way this organisation will not harm Anglo-American relations—any more than did the recent London dinner of the Pilgrims, at which the white ties, the tails, and the old reliable pastidues were all trotted out once again.

But just how are Anglo-American affairs progressing in one of their most sensitive and important fields—the practical, day-to-day relationship between ourselves and the many thousands of young American airmen stationed among us?

pretty nearly the same sort of temptations, stresses, and strains as they find over here if they were posted to a base in a different State back in America.

The general is fully alive to the fact that American pay rates are very high compared with ours. But his men are enjoined to "lean over backwards" not to let their opulence seem too evident. And someone had the good idea of leaving it optional for U.S. officers and men to wear uniform or muffle when they go on week-end leave.

The whole problem was put strikingly by one of the general's staff officers. "You know," he told me, "we American airmen stationed among us?"

NO ILLUSION

TO get the answer I went out to the H.Q. of the U.S. 3rd Air Force, at Ruislip, for a discussion of the matter with the C-in-C, Major-General Francis Griswold.

I found 49-year-old General Griswold to be a complete realist. Slander levelled against him is under no illusion of the potential difficulties of the situation. But he considers that, human nature being what it is, things so far have gone along encouragingly well.

"Most of my men are around 20 years old," he says. "They are away from home for the first time. You would get

we here in England feel as if we are living in a goldfish bowl. The first must remember that everything they do can be watched and commented on."

HE NEVER KNEW

OVER from America's Griswold to Britain's Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Arthur ("Bomber") Harris.

I kept wondering why it was that when someone telephoned Harris in Western Canada to

congratulate him on his recent baronetcy he said it was the first he had heard about it. Used there not to be a rule that all intended recipients of honours were given ample notice, so that they could refuse if they so wished?

Inquiries show this to be the form: all civilians who are due to get an honour or decoration, above the British Empire Medal, are told about it.

This gives them plenty of time to say No. But members of the armed Services are not given this option.

But isn't Harris retired, and so, technically, a civilian? Not so. As a Marshal of the R.A.F. he remains on the active list.

Even for civilians the rule wavers sometimes. Man I know in the U.S.A. was rung up by a Washington official just two days before the Honours List was due to be announced some years back. "I say, old boy," said the Washington character, "you're getting an O.B.E. the day after tomorrow. I suppose you want it, and all that sort of thing?"

WE CAN BOO!

BRITONS may have lost their former gusto in some directions, but one thing they can still do with the world's best is boo.

I was sitting in a ringside seat the other night at the Albert Hall when the highly unpopular decision in the lightweight championship eliminating bout was given.

I thought the roof was coming off. A French crowd would have started throwing things, but as far as sheer volume of decibels was concerned we British that night were second to none.

I was also diverted to observe the rugged independence with which the "Betting Strictly Prohibited" notices on the walls were ignored. A swirl of betting was going on all round me during nearly every bout.

Perhaps the police are meant for the nights when they have concerts?

IT'S ODD

SURELY the mechanical age has reached the depths when, in Grosvenor Square, we find car notices reading "Careful. Left-Hand Drive. No Signals." No signals? There seems to be an echo here of the classic story which ends: "daddy—no hands."

SO-THANKS

A GROUSE and a hooey with which to end—THE GROUSE: Why in England are people so lackadaisical about answering the telephone?

It sometimes seems as though people in London have never grown accustomed to the idea of the telephone, as an institution, and they cherish a sneaking hope that, if they ignore it sufficiently, it will go away again.

THE NOSEGAYS: How pleasant to find performance far better than promise. Instead of the other way round, in a Government office.

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British Racing Must Be Put On A Sound Footing

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

London. Racing is such an important sport—and industry—that no effort should be spared by anybody connected with it to ensure its success. Remedies must be found to strengthen it.

The Aga Khan, Mr J. S. Gerber, Mr J. J. Astor, and several others have expounded the owner's position thoroughly and clearly during the past year. The position has not changed but, if anything, become worse.

There are those who assert that there is nothing wrong with racing but that it will always go on along the present lines and that the Jockey Club have never been

more efficient, more powerful, or better informed than they are today.

TWO SECTIONS ONLY

This category includes most bookmakers who would be the first to feel the "pinch" if any real progress was made in racing reforms.

For today the Government and the bookmakers are the only two sections who take vast sums of money out of the game and put nothing back, though credit must be given to the handful of course bookmakers who help to keep the sport alive.

The number of men with capital seriously interested in racing is gradually decreasing; there are few taking their places. At the other end of the scale the paying public are short of money. Racing is the most expensive sport in the world and the patrons of our recreances are not always treated as well as they should.

SEEK CHEAPER SPORT

When they feel they can no longer afford to go racing, some desert racing for cheaper sports. The racing executives suffer, and so, the prize money is decreased. This does not denote a healthy state of affairs.

Racing must be put on a sound footing so that no matter what Government is in power the sport will continue, will thrive and will help the nation in taxation and in export.

It is recognised the world over that the best horses come from the British racecourse. It is a heritage we must not allow to pass out of our hands.

(London Express Service)

P-C Roberts Has His Own Swim Plan

By MILLIE HUDSON

England's fastest sprinter now training for Coronation year swimming international is one of her oldest—30-year-old, 6 ft. tall Metropolitan policeman, Ron Roberts (Otter). He is Southern and Surrey Champion, holds all the police free-style titles, and was in the Olympic semi-finals.

The 14 miles he covers on his beat in South London would be enough exercise for most—but not so for this unusual swimmer who coaches himself.

Roberts also swims a mile or two daily varied by a weekly cross-country run and rugby in winter and cricket in the summer.

Each morning he exercises for an hour and a half with weights and wall pulleys, following the swimmers' PT schedule of USA Olympic coach Bob Kipphut.

BEATEN BY TOUCH

The success of Roberts' training plan was proved this summer when he was the only serious challenger to Jack Wardrop, the Motherwell twin now at Michigan University (USA) in his successful bid for five English titles.

Roberts nearly robbed Wardrop of one title—the 100 yards—but was beaten by a touch. Both swimmers recorded the same time of 53.4 sec.

Roberts told me he is thinking of giving up serious swimming training in a year or two so that he can spend more time at home.

But before this he hopes to win a place in the 1954 European Championships and Empire Games teams going to Italy and Vancouver.

Roberts would enjoy meeting again in Canada childhood friends with whom he learned to swim—before the war he lived there and in the Argentine, where his father was an engineer.

(London Express Service)

American Indoor Track And Field Championships

New York, Feb. 15.

Three American Olympic champions won their events in the National Indoor Track and Field Championships in Madison Square Garden last night.

Mal Whitfield, winner of the 800 metres in Helsinki, took the 600 yards race in 1 min. 10.4 sec.

Harrison Dillard, Olympic 110-metre hurdles champion, won the 60 yards high hurdles in 7.3 sec., scoring his seventh successive victory in indoor hurdles.

Horse Ashenfelter, the Olympic 3,000-metre steeplechase winner, captured the three-mile race, clocking 13 minutes 47.5 sec.

Steve Dillon, of Manhattan set up a record for the meeting by putting the 35lb. weight 59 ft. 10 1/2 in. Previous best was 59 ft. 4 1/2 in.

Germany's Heinz Uthmeier, who finished third to Whitfield in the Olympic 800 metres, won the 1,000-yard race in 20 min. 5.4 sec.

Another German Olympic runner, Herbert Schade, was second to Ashenfelter in the three-mile event.—Reuters.

BUSY SCENE ON THE CAM



A busy scene on the Cam showing Cambridge college crews setting off for a spin, while others are seen having tubbing practice.

NOW U.S. AMATEURS ADOPT "PAY-ALL-THE-YEAR" TENNIS

By FRED PERRY

Boca Raton, Florida.

Four leading American players, some of them not unknown at Wimbledon, can breathe more easily after the decision of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association to recognize the 52-week all-expenses rule, which allows "amateurs" to receive expenses all the year round from the big tournaments.

Hitherto the Americans, while making no real attempt to enforce it, have adhered to the eight-weeks limit for expenses, allowed under the old international rule.

These four players were "on the carpet" for violation of the old rule, and if it had been interpreted strictly they would have been disciplined.

But when players are, or may become, useful to the international reputation of a country, suspensions are curiously rare.

CHANGE OF FRONT

This change of front by the Americans brings into relief again the whole question of amateurs' expenses.

The players do not mind telling officials how much money

they want to play in tournaments.

Here, at my hotel courts, we have tried to run two tennis exhibitions in past years. We had to drop the idea when we found that amateurs would cost us more than professionals.

Now the USLTA can sit back and let their players have the same competition chances that the other nations, including their Australian conquerors, enjoy.

They always have had the same chances, but now it can be done without officialdom taking the trouble to look the other way.

THE WAY OUT

Two of the top tennis girls, Miss Davis Hart and Miss Shirley Fry, have been playing all over the world, almost without let-up, for three years. I am sure Miss Hart was beaten by Mrs Todd at last year's Wimbledon because she was overplayed.

Yet both these players are under the jurisdiction of the USLTA, who believed in the eight-weeks rule.

There was a way out: They and a few others were given permission to have expenses for more than the eight weeks.

The international amateur tennis picture is not pretty. Each association have an axe to grind. As long as any nation has players of Davis Cup winning class we shall have eye-shutting and head-turning.

Lead were the screams in USA last winter when it was made known from Australia that Frank Sedgman—or at least his wife—would be given a wedding present by public subscription.

Would the Australian association have allowed such generosity if Sedgman had not been their main Cup hope? And what would other associations do in like circumstances?

Another poignant development from this all-the-year-round expenses rule is that even the amateurs are being split into two classes. The better performers go to the tournaments with big cheque books; the little tournament bookkeepers of the game will have to be content with the weaker ones.

Now it remains for the USLTA to relax their rules a little more and permit their players to be employed by sporting goods companies. It would certainly be a very short step from that point to all-out professionalism.

Or would it be a step at all? —(London Express Service)

Budge Patty In Excellent Form Against Larsen

Paris, Feb. 15.

Budge Patty of Los Angeles beat his fellow Californian, Art Larsen of San Leandro, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, today to win the Men's Singles Championship of the French International Indoor tournament.

Five thousand fans excitedly watched their hard fought match in the Pierre-le Coubertin Stadium. It was the second time the two Californians played against one another. Patty also beat Larsen four years ago at Palm Springs.

Patty, who proved all along the tournament to have reached excellent winter form, seems decided to keep it for the spring and summer big outdoor international tournaments.

ONE OF BEST EVER

Both Californian players furnished a match considered by experts here as one of the best ever seen on wooden courts in Paris.

Larsen lost his service in the eighth game of the first set to give the lead to his opponent who won the next service and the set.

In the second set Larsen began losing his service and Patty took the lead 2-0, but lost his next service and the score was tied 2-2. Patty got applause for clever anticipation of the net, while Larsen with wonderful backhand passing-shots won precious points and was leading 4-1 in the eighth game served by Patty, who finally got the game. But Patty lost his service in the tenth and last game to give Larsen the only set he won.

Larsen again lost his first service in the third set. Patty took the lead 3-1 despite the splendid defence of his opponent. Then Patty committed three mistakes, sending his smashes into the net, and lost his service to tie the set 3-3.

He saved a dangerous situation in the 10th game on his service.

After 10 minutes' rest the fourth and last set saw Larsen win his three first services to tie the set, but he lost the crucial seventh game. In the last game, Patty serving, Larsen was leading 40-30. The game went twice to deuce and finally the Los Angeles player, who has lived for years in Paris, got the decisive point. — Associated Press.

OTHER WINNERS

Miss Susan Partridge of Britain won the Women's Singles, beating Miss Suzanne Schmitt of France 6-6, 7-5.

In the final of the Mixed Doubles, Miss Ann Shillecock of Britain, partnered by Marcel Bernard of France, defeated the French pair, Jean Claude Molinari and GINETTE BUCALLES, 6-3, 7-5.

The Danish Davis Cup players, Kurt Nielsen and Torben Ulrich, won the Men's Doubles title, beating Americans Art Larsen and Budge Patty 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

Miss Jacqueline Kermine and Mme. Myrtil Dubois of France won the Women's Doubles with a walkover from the British pair, Mrs Jean Rinkel-Querier and Miss Susan Partridge.

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Record Throw Will Not Be Recognised

—(London Express Service)

Sgt. N. R. Hughes of the 1st Battalion, the Welch Regiment, threw the javelin out to 169 feet 6 inches in the 27 Infantry Brigade athletic meeting at Boundary Street on Saturday.

The throw is better than the official Colony record of 105 feet 8 inches by Lt. D. J. McNabb of the RAOC at Caroline Hill in 1951, but will not be recognized as a Colony record as it was not measured with a steel tape.

Sgt. Hughes was Welsh Champion in the event in 1950 and 1951. He has a best competitive throw of nearly 180 feet to his name. The best ever in Hongkong was Major F. Skiplith's 100 feet 8 inches at Caroline Hill in 1950, not recognized as an official record as these records only date from the founding of the HKAAA.

Cpl. Boddy of the 1st Battalion, the Dorset Regiment, threw the discus a distance of 108 feet 3 1/2 inches, with two other competitors also going over 100 feet.

Lt. G. Blight of the Dorset Regiment jumped 6 feet 0 1/2 inches with Lt. Edwards second at 5 feet 6 inches. Lt. R. A. F. Reep cleared 10 feet in the Pole Vault.

The 1st Battalion the Dorset Regiment won the meeting with 84 points, the 1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles, being second with 42 points.

Japanese Baseball Team Leaves For Tour Of U.S.

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

The Japanese professional baseball team, Yomiuri Giants, left here tonight for the United States by a special plane of the Pan American Airways.

The 20-man team will practise at Santa Maria, California, and is scheduled to have 25 games with various American teams.

The Yomiuri Giants won last year's championship in Japan.—Reuters.

Cambridge Crew To Meet Oxford Selected

Cambridge, Feb. 14.

G.T. Marshall, this year's President, and J.S. Jones are the only Old Blues in the Cambridge University crew to meet Oxford in the Boat Race on Saturday, March 20.

The crew, announced to-night, is: J.A. Wallis (Bryantown) and Lady Margaret; J.S. Jones (Shrewsbury) and Lady Margaret; J.R. Macmillan (Eton) and First and Third Trinity; G.T. Marshall (Bryantown and King's); D.A. Leadley (Bedford, Modern and Emmanuel); L.B. McCagg (Harvard and Emmanuel); J.M. King (Derby and Lady Margaret); P.R. Hall (Berkhamsted) and Corpus Christi; stroke: B.M. Biddy (Cardinal School and Pembroke) cox.

L.R. Dingle, Secretary of the University Boat Club and third year's cox, failed to gain a seat.

McCagg has been stroke of Harvard crews and led the eight, defeated by Cambridge during their successful American tour four years ago.—Reuters.

Peter Keenan Doesn't Mind Whom He Fights—But He Demands A Good Purse

Scotland has given boxing some of the greatest "little men" in the business, Benny Lynch and Jackie Paterson are names that will live for ever. Now, from Glasgow, comes another.

He is Peter Keenan, British Bantamweight Champion who successfully defended his title against Frankie Williams and thus made a Lonsdale Belt his own property.

Peter has all the physical attributes that combine to make a great Champion. He can box, and he can fight. He has speed and a terrific punch. But until his fight with Williams he backed one quality, the initiative to take command of a contest.

Three months ago this cost him the fight against the Italian Amleto Falcinelli. Peter was the better man, but, by the time he had realised it, the Italian had rounded his eyebrow to pulp. Then, just as he was beginning to fight back, the referee stopped the contest.

The same thing nearly happened against Williams. But this time Peter was luckier. The other eyebrow was slightly cut when the fight was little more than a minute old. It happened in time to act as a warning to get on with the job—also, Peter heeded it, and Williams was crushed to defeat in seven rounds.

MORE TROUBLES

Peter, the son of a sailor, is only 24, and has been boxing as a professional less than four years. But in that time he has overcome more troubles than many boxers meet in a lifetime. Some of these he brought on himself.

He is a lad who knows his own mind. Does not mind who he fights, but he demands a good purse. His brain works like a cash register, and to good account. Within two years of becoming a professional he had bought a substantial house in Glasgow, where he lives with his wife and two-year-old daughter. And he set up his mother and sister in the fruit business.

One of the trouble episodes concerned his manager. Professional boxers are usually resigned to the necessity of a manager who collects 25 per cent of purse moneys. But not Keenan.

He tried everything to get his contract with manager Tom Gilman annulled, from a Boxing Board of Control inquiry to have cancelled to buying his manager out. He failed, and now they have settled their differences.

SHARP EYE ON BUSINESS

Peter began casting a sharp eye on business when still an amateur. In 1948 he was selected as Britain's flyweight reserve in the Olympic Games.

On his arrival at the Berkshire training camp, he weighed in 116 lb. too heavy. However he refused to do anything about it until he had struck a few wagers on his ability to "make" the required eight stone.

Next he informed the astonished authorities that if he were not required actually to box in the Games, any further training was a waste of his time and money.

Prevailed upon to stay, he shaped the situation to his own ends by purchasing, at a strictly Scottish valuation, the spare clothing of a well-dressed, but temporarily hard up, American team.

Peter's troubles though have not all been of his own making. He has been dogged by the injury bogey.

Less than three years after his first professional fight he held the British and European titles which put him on the crest of the wave with future full of promise. These came disaster.

In the first defence of his European title, at Glasgow last May against the Belgian Jean Seevers, he collapsed in the fifth round with a torn cartilage in the right knee, and was counted out.

This necessitated a five-month lay-off. Then because of a cut

eye, he had to retire in the fifth round of his next fight, against Italy's Falcinelli.

Now Peter hopes that he has put trouble behind him, and can again look to the future.

His immediate plans are for a match with the Frenchman Maurice Sandoyron for the European title. If he wins, he wants another crack at the world crown. This is held by Australia's Jimmy Carruthers, who defends it on February 28 against former holder Vic Towell. But if Towell wins, and refuses them to fight outside his native Johannesburg, he can keep it as far as Keenan is concerned.

ONLY AT SEA LEVEL

Says the British Champion: "I am prepared, though, to go to South Africa to meet him if he will agree to a bout in Durban or Cape Town, which are at sea level. I don't think any British boxer can hope to succeed in Johannesburg. We can't get

used to the thin atmosphere there quickly enough, and the job is almost impossible."

Keenan was defeated on points by Towell in Johannesburg in January last year.

For future boxers will adopt Sugar Ray Robinson's idea and keep in a strict training even when not engaged to fight. He will continue to work out in the gym in the basement of his home, and may possibly have a spell in the country this summer. Of the more distant future Peter says: "I have never had a bad thrashing from any boxer, and I feel that I have still many years in which to win the world title."

So confident is he of continuing in the ring that he has given no thought to what he will do when he hangs up his gloves. The only plans he has given his horse gym. There he hopes some day to train and coach promising Scottish youngsters. —(London Express Service).

Walker Cup Players Get Started On Their "Get Fit" Plan

By JAMES GOODFELLOW

Top four amateur golfers chosen for the Walker Cup team, Englishmen Ronnie White and John Langley, Welshman John Morgan and Irishman Joe Carr, are getting into trim for this season's tournaments, which will give them competitive keenness for the contest at Marlon (Mass.) from September 4-5.

Langley, seeking every moment for the game that his business will permit, has spent two days with club manufacturers choosing a new set.

Having got the clubs to his right swinging weight, with proper feel and lie, he will enter the USA as an ambassador of British craftsmanship.

First stop in Langley's get-fit campaign was to stop smoking. This was a New Year's resolution.

Occupying a house at Sunningdale, he has two golf courses at his door. Here he has been experimenting with a slight change in his method of holding the club—some would call it a more orthodox grip.

After playing in the Halford Hewitt—tournament at Deal (April 16-19), he will move to Royal Birkdale to take part in the English Amateur Championship (April 27-May 2).

This will be the prelude to the Amateur Championship three weeks later at Hoylake. Then come the international matches at Kilmory (June 10-12) with their thrilling tests of match play, when the final Walker Cup selections will be made.

Intensive competition will be augmented by his entry for the big club competitions in the South, such as the Antlers of Royal Mid-Surrey.

The team leave for Montreal in August, when all members will play in the Canadian Amateur Championship.

The new golf generation does not fully realise the fine achievements of what I call London's own golfer.

Langley, born at Northwood 24 years ago, went to the United States with the Walker Cup team in 1938, and at 18 was the youngest player to be chosen by either side.

Now he returns 17 years later with the polished style and the mechanical accuracy which go with a match-winning temperament. He took part in the 1951 match at Royal Birkdale.

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Neuhaus Beats Johnny Williams At Dortmund

Dortmund, Feb. 15.

Heinz Neuhaus, German and European Heavyweight Champion, beat Johnny Williams, the British title holder, in the ninth round of their 12 rounds non-title bout here today.

Neuhaus rushed into the attack at the start of the ninth round, and dropped Williams with a colossal right wing to the head. The British Champion got up at the count of seven, but did not appear to be in fit shape to continue and the referee stopped the fight.

Up to the ninth round, Williams had done most of the attacking and critics said they thought he was ahead on points when the end came.

Neuhaus scored 16 points, 84 pounds and Williams 12 points, 12 pounds.—Reuters.

MANCHESTER UNITED BEATEN BY EVERTON IN FA CUP MATCH

(By Our Own Correspondent)

London, Feb. 14.

The FA Cup is notorious for producing shocks and surprises. They are now part and parcel of competition and have come to be expected. But this season they are exceeding all expectations.

Today, the Fifth Round matches were played and now the First Division has only four certain representatives in the last eight with a possible fifth, if Blackpool wins an away replay with Southampton. There are two from the Second Division, and one from Third.

Latest of the famed clubs to go were the First Division champions, Manchester United, beaten 2-1 by Everton before a crowd of nearly 70,000 at Goodison Park.

The man of the match was Everton centre-forward, Hickson. Despite an eye injury which necessitated him leaving the field shortly before the interval, he came back in the second half to slam in a winning goal. He had already made a first half goal, scored by Eglington, which enabled Everton to draw level after Huxley had given United the lead.

But the team of the day were Gateshead, the Third Division North side, who made the long journey from Tyneside to Plymouth and knocked out the Second Division side by the only goal of the match to reach the last eight in the Cup for the first time in their history.

NO FLUKE
There was no fluke about their win and the goal was a real copy-book effort. A dazzling forward move with players interchanging positions in brilliant fashion left the Plymouth defence spread-eagled, and incidentally Winters headed the ball into the roof of the net.

Southampton deserve cheers too. It was a great performance for the side struggling to avoid relegation in the Second Division to hold Blackpool, Mather and all.

But it was a near thing. Only six minutes remained when centre-half Henry Horton moved up to score an equaliser. Special mention for goalkeeper Christie. He brought off some magnificent saves, and was fearless in throwing himself at the feet of the advancing forwards.

Victories by Arsenal are not unusual occurrences, but the Gunners earn a high place in the honours list for their great performance at Turf Moor. There they faced the toughest task of the day and, despite an injury to left-back Lionel Smith which forced him to switch positions with outside-left Don Roper, they beat Burnley 2-0.

THREE-MINUTE BURST
Their two goals came in a three-minute burst early in the second half, scored by centre-forward Bolton and inside-left Lishman.

Poor Chelsea. Exhausted by their four Cup games against West Bromwich pensioners, they were run off their feet by the lively Birmingham side and beaten 4-0. They held out until half time, but then collapsed.

In the First Division a goal by England international outside-right Tom Finney took Preston to victory over Sheffield Wednesday and to the top of the Table. They take over from West Brom, which who went down 3-0 at Liverpool.

This game may mean more than the loss of two points to Wednesday. It may cost them the services for the rest of the season of centre-forward Derek Dooley, who was carried off the field with a suspected broken leg.

At the other end of the Table, Cardiff drew 0-0 at Stoke and so failed to score for the eighth successive League game.

Sheffield United's home match with Hull was postponed through bad weather, but they maintain leadership of the Second Division, as Huddersfield were surprisingly beaten 3-0 at home by Blackburn.

Bristol Rovers, leaders of Third Division South, led to a 0-0 draw at Exeter, brought their unbeaten League run to 23.

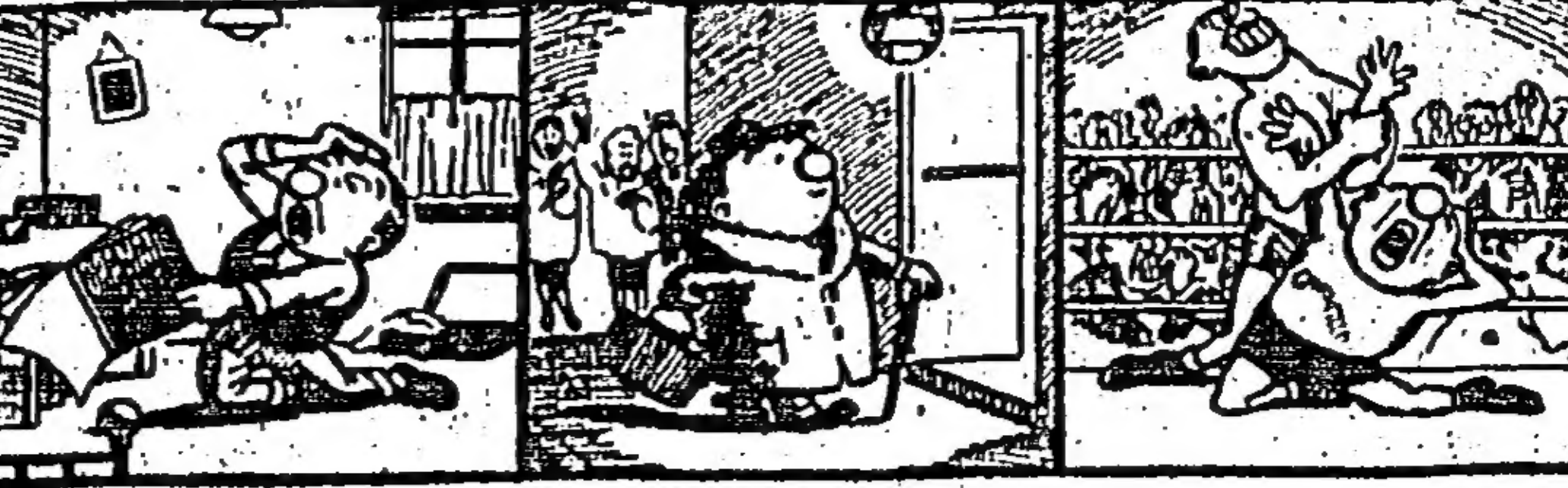
The reigning Scottish champions, Hibernian, maintained the leadership of League "A" by going nap against Clyde. They showed a real championship form and were well worth their 5-1 victory.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

FA Cup (Fifth Round)	
Blackpool	0
Cardiff	0
Chelsea	0
Hull	0
Luton	0
Preston	0
Sheff. Wed.	0
Stoke	0
Swansea	0
Wolves	0
First Division	
Blackburn	0
Birmingham	0
Cardiff	0
Derby	0
Exeter	0
Leeds	0
Manchester Utd.	0
Sheff. Wed.	0
Sheff. Utd.	0
Southampton	0
Stoke	0
Wolves	0
Second Division	
Blackburn	0
Birmingham	0
Cardiff	0
Derby	0
Exeter	0
Leeds	0
Manchester Utd.	0
Sheff. Wed.	0
Sheff. Utd.	0
Southampton	0
Stoke	0
Wolves	0
Third Division	
Blackburn	0
Birmingham	0
Cardiff	0
Derby	0
Exeter	0
Leeds	0
Manchester Utd.	0
Sheff. Wed.	0
Sheff. Utd.	0
Southampton	0
Stoke	0
Wolves	0

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



HOME RUGGER

ENGLAND AND IRELAND DRAW 9-ALL AT DUBLIN

Dublin, Feb. 14.

Ireland and England, the only unbeaten sides in the Rugby Union International Championship, drew nine points all in their match at Lansdowne Road here today.

Each side scored two penalty goals and a try in a thrill-packed game, which was dominated by the forwards. England led 3-0 at half-time.

Both teams still have a chance to win the International championship, but any idea either side cherished of winning the Mythical Triple Crown this season have disappeared. It was the first drawn game between the two countries for 28 years. Seidman had an international match produced a forward struggle of such ferocity, and it was little wonder that there were 20 penalty kicks awarded. The Irish forwards were magnificent with Kavanagh, McCarthy, O'Neill and Reid, the now "top" always to the fore. England's pack, so successful against Wales last month, were given as good as they gave on this occasion. Their key men were Holmes, Wilkins, Kendall, Carpenter and White.

The heeling from the set scrums was slow on both sides, and this told against the possibility of combined work by the backs. All the same, Jackie Kyle, probably the finest fly-half in the sport to-day, did much good work for Ireland, whose centres took care that their opposite numbers should not find life too easy. On both sides, tackling was generally sound and hard.

LAST MOMENT PASS
Ireland had much the better of play in the first-half, but England led at the interval through a try scored after eight minutes. It followed some loose play. Martin Regan weaved his way through and at the last moment passed to Eric Evans, the Lancashire hooker, who signalled his return to international rugby by scoring a try. Nim Hall failed with the kick.

Ireland attacked strongly when the second-half began, and within eight minutes Henderson put them on level terms with a penalty kick near the touch line. England regained the lead eight minutes later with a penalty kick from 45 yards out by Hall.

Within four minutes, Ireland were back on terms with a great try in the corner by Mortell, following a movement started by Kyle when well inside his own half. Henderson's kick at goal was disallowed, apparently for kicking the ball twice. In the 27th minute of the half, Henderson sent the crowd of 45,000 wild with excitement, when he kicked a spectacular penalty goal from well inside the "25"; however, Ireland led for only two minutes, Hall kicking a penalty goal from 40 yards.

The game proceeded with unabated pace and fury, but no more scoring occurred. The International Rugby Union Championship table after today's drawn match between Ireland and England, here read as follows:

BOWLING ANALYSIS
S.M. Teh 17 3 81 5
S.V. Gittins 14 1 72 3
N. Peters 10 1 12 0
H. Ching 1 0 10 1
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-32, 3-33, 4-40, 5-70, 6-117, 7-120, 8-163, 9-173. Declared at 188.

PRESENT
T. Lo, c. Gittins, b. Gosano 4
H. Ching, lbw. A.T. Lee 4
A. Yeow, c. Fenton, b. Lo 4
E. Monteiro, b. Koh 3
S.M. Teh, c. E.A. b. A.T. Lee 6
S.A. Vunor, c. J.C. Koh, b. A. T. Lee 14
C.H. Chow, lbw. J.C. Koh 8
T.H. Barma, b. Gittins 1
E. Rida, b. A.T. Lee 1
J. Abbas, not out 41
Extras 41
Total 132

BOWLING ANALYSIS
O M R W
E.L. Gosano 0 0 20 1
A.T. Lee 12 3 23 4
S.V. Gittins 5 1 10 1
J.C. Koh 2 1 17 1
J.C. Youngsaye 1 0 0 0
J. Fenton 2 0 8 0
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-17, 3-42, 4-69, 5-74, 6-93, 7-90, 8-110, 9-128. Stumps drawn at 132.

TREMEUDOUS BATTLE
London, Feb. 14.
After a tremendous battle between the forwards in the heavy Twickenham mud, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force shared the honours in the first of this season's Services Rugby Union tournament matches, each side scoring one try (three points).

Generally, the Navy, inspired by their captain, D. B. Vaughan, were more aggressive, but their forwards seemed loath to release the ball whenever James, the hooker, gained possession. Consequently, the Navy failed to make real use of Terry Davies, the young Welsh international, whose class was obviously above the other outside of both teams.

The Navy deservedly took the lead 14 minutes after the interval. They forced a scrum on the Air Force line and when the ball came out on the defenders' side, Ridd, always a fast and busy wing forward, nipped in for a try.

A SMART TRY
The Air Force qualified three minutes from time when the ball was whipped back from a scrum almost between the Navy posts and Chapter outpaced the opposition for a smart try.

Pontypool, one of the leading clubs this season, not only lost 9-0 to London Scottish at Richmond Athletic ground, but finished without their fullback, Ben Jones. He was taken to hospital suffering from concussion.

Bedford won a surprisingly fast and open game by 8-0 against Old Merchant Taylors on the snow covered Mobbs Memorial ground. Another keen game took place at Birkenhead, where Coventry and the home team each scored six points.

The local "Derby" clash between Llanelli and Swansea at Stradly Park ended in a 9-0 win for Llanelli. A highlight of this match was a thrilling passing movement begun by Ray Williams in his own "25" and which led to J. H. Daniels going over in a corner.

RESULTS IN BRIEF
Rugby League Cup
Bradford Northern v. Batley (postponed now); Leigh v. Bramley 3 (eliminated); Castleford (eliminated); Wakefield v. Dewsbury 3 (eliminated); Hull Kingston Rovers 5 (eliminated); Hull 14 (eliminated); Barrow 15; Hull 14 (eliminated); Keighley 7 (eliminated).

Tenley Albright Wins Figure Skating Title
Davos, Feb. 15.
A 17-year-old Boston girl won the women's world figure skating championship today—the first American ever to win the title.

The new champ is Tenley Albright. Germany's 17-year-old Gundl Busch took second honours.

A 19-year-old American college student, Alan Jenkins, last week captured the men's title. Miss Albright had an unofficial performance points total of 109.29. All the seven judges placed her first.

Third place went to Britain's 18-year-old Villa Osborn. Thirteen-year-old junior girls champion, Carole Helm of the United States, was fourth, and Suzanne Morrow of Canada was fifth.—United Press.

McCARTHY NOW MEETS 'VETERAN' FALCINELLI

By GEORGE WHITING

London.

The carefully conserved right hook of featherweight Sammy McCarthy, having disposed of Belgium's Eugene Servais in the third round at Marylebone, will next be employed against Amleto Falcinelli, former Italian Bantamweight Champion, at the Albert Hall on February 24.

Earlier advice from Rome named another Italian, Dante Venturi, but the McCarthy management deny all knowledge of him.

Thirty-one-year-old Falcinelli, 10 years older than McCarthy, has been waiting us on and off since 1943—without much success. True he compelled the retirement of our Bantamweight Champion Peter Keenan with an eye injury last October, but that achievement came after a draw with Peter Kane and defeats by Danny O'Sullivan, Stan Rowan (two), Bobby Boland, Keenan and Eddie Carson.

Unless Falcinelli has been improved on becoming a featherweight, his prospects against McCarthy would not appear too bright.

McCarthy went quickly to work against Servais, whose laboured efforts at countering looked almost pathetic.

The end came in the third round when Servais, parrying a left-hand that had prodded him incessantly, ran full tilt into a right hook to the jaw. A few months ago Servais withstood a dozen right-hand punches from Johnny Butterworth—known as the "Rocky" Thunderbolt.

McCarthy, no believer in a quandering of talent, is less prodigal but more potent with his right hooks. One is usually enough.

—(London Express Service)

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Saturday, 21st February, 1953

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

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In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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SAILINGS TO		
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	Noon 18th Feb.
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	8 a.m. 20th Feb.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 21st Feb.
"SUOCHOW"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 23rd Feb.
"HUPEI"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 25th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	Noon 25th Feb.
"FUKIEN"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 26th Feb.
"ANKING"	Singapore, Penang & Saigon	10 a.m. 26th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 28th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

"HUNAN"	Tientsin	18th Feb.
"HUPEI"	Kobe	19th Feb.
"SUOCHOW"	Bangkok	21st Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	9 a.m. 23rd Feb.
"ANKING"	Singapore	23rd Feb.
"FUKIEN"	Kobe	24th Feb.
"PAKHOT"	Singapore	25th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	25th Feb.

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SAILINGS TO		
"CHANGSHA"	Sydney & Melbourne	20th Feb.
"TAIPEI"	Japan	4th Mar.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	18th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGSHA"	Kobe	18th Feb.
"TAIPEI"	Australia & Manila	28th Feb.
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	14th Mar.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

"ATREUS"	Rotterdam, London & Hamburg	23rd Feb.
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Dublin	24th Feb.
"TELEUS"	Maracaibo, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.
"MENTOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th Mar.
"ANTIOCHUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	25th Mar.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Sails	Sails	Arrives
G. "PELEUS"	Liverpool	Rotterdam Hong Kong
S. "MENTOR"	do	Sailed In Port, Holt's Wharf
G. "ALCINOUS"	do	22nd Feb.
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	28th Feb.
G. "PATROCCLUS"	do	10th Mar.
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	18th Feb.	16th Mar.
G. "LAOMEDON"	24th Feb.	25th Mar.
S. "ANCHISES"	3rd Mar.	2nd Apr.

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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

"HAINAN"	18th Feb.
"AGAMEMNON"	4th Mar.
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"AJAX"	22nd Feb.
"BENARES"	5th Mar.

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HK/Hatphong (DC-3)	6.45 a.m. Thurs. 4.15 p.m. Tues.	4.15 p.m. Tues.
HK/Singapore (DC-4)	10.45 a.m. Tues. 6.45 p.m. Wed. Sat.	6.45 p.m. Wed. Sat.
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"BENATTOW"	Japan 22nd Feb.
"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore on or abt. 5th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	U.K. 9th Mar.
"BENVANNOCCH"	U.K. 17th Mar.
"BENALDER"	Japan 23rd Mar.
"BENLAVERS"	U.K. 3rd Apr.

SAILINGS

	Loading on or abt.
"BENATTOW"	Direct to Singapore, thence H.V.R.C. London, Rotterdam and Middlesbrough 23rd Feb.
"BENALDER"	Kure, Kobe, and Yokohama 23rd Feb.
"BENCLEUCH"	Kure, Kobe & Yokohama 8th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence H.V.R.C. London, Antwerp and Hamburg 13th Mar.
"BENVANNOCCH"	Avonmouth, London & Hull 21st Mar.
"BENALDER"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hull 23rd Mar.
"BENLAVERS"	Direct to Singapore, thence H.V.R.C. London, Rotterdam and Antwerp 7th Apr.

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NOTICE

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ent's Club, Hongkong,
announces that its telephone
number has been changed to
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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholder

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Sixtieth
Ordinary Yearly Meeting of
Shareholders will be held at
the Company's Registered
Office, 4th Floor, P. & O.
Building, on Wednesday, the
18th day of March, 1953, at
11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
Reports of the Directors and
of the Auditors and the Profit
and Loss Account for the year
ended 31st December, 1952,
and the Balance Sheet as at
that date and for the election
of Directors and the appoint-
ment of Auditors.

The Register of Transfers
of the Company will be
closed from Saturday, the 7th
day of March to Wednesday,
the 18th day of March, 1953,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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are hereby notified that their cargo
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kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Company's godown where it will be at
the consignee's risk and subject to the
Wharf's terms and conditions of
storage, and where delivery may be
obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left
in the godowns for examination by
Consignees and the Company's sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
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1953.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
writers on or before the 25th
February 1953 or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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Hongkong, 11th February, 1953.

A New Version Of 'The Thing'

London, Feb. 15.

Every now and again a Hollywood film pro-
ducer of a Tin Pan Alley song writer gives us an
"opus" featuring a mysterious "Thing".
Now industry has followed the fashion—for
"The Thing" is the name given by a leading firm
of oil survey equipment manufacturers to their
latest piece of research plant.

This particular gadget—de-
signed to test for durability
instruments used in geophysical
survey work—would have de-
lighted the heart of a Grand
Inquisitor trying to convert a
stubborn heretic. It is a steel
chest, ribbed with corrugated
ridges to inflict added punish-
ment, and mounted pivot-
fashion on a tall trestle.

Into this cockpit of castigation
is placed, for instance, a com-
plex geophysical survey com-
ponent—a geophone—and the
heavy lid is locked. Then a
motor is switched on which
makes the chest spin and roll
like a concrete-mixer. The
crazy. The luckless geophone
gets more banging and bumping
about in one hour inside "The
Thing" than would be likely in
years of field use.

Nor is that trial the end of
the geophone's torment. If it
survives the hammering intact,
it is put through the "ordure by
water". This means being alter-
nately plunged into boiling and
icy water for another hour or
so, and then being expected to
work as perfectly as though it
had been kept wrapped in cotton
wool since manufacture.

THE REASON
Doubtless if its makers thought
a boiling-in-oil, according to
best medieval torture-chamber
practices, would inflict greater
punishment than scalding water,
boiling oil would be used.

The reason for this savage
manhandling of their product is
to assure the manufacturers that
none of their instruments will be
likely to succumb to hard knocks
when in actual use. They know
that oil survey work is far from
being an armchair undertaking—
that on the contrary it calls for
robust apparatus as well as
robust men. They also know
that their products may be used
in the Arctic Circle on one as-
signment and be carted off to the
Tropics on the next.
So their appliances must func-
tion as efficiently in an Alaskan

White Lady Is In A Shed

London, Feb. 15.

Three times within ten weeks
a two-cwt. marble bust of a
woman has been shifted at
Compton Martin, a Somerset
village in the Mendips.

The bust was bought by Mrs
Jack Wilson to decorate the
garden wall of her home for
Coronation year.

On its first disappearance it
was dumped into the village
pond, after being seized at
night from Mr and Mrs Wil-
son's house.

The second time it was found
on the churchyard wall of the
village of East Harptree.
The third time it was under
the posts of the village football
pitch.

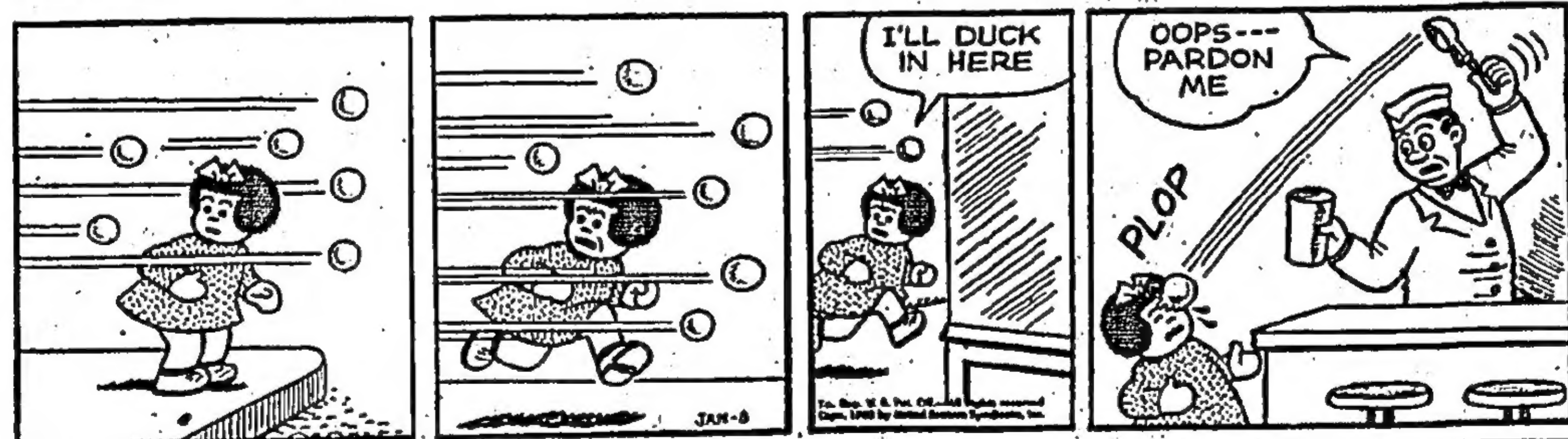
Now it is in a garden shed
under lock and key.
The campaign has not been
confined to abduction. A poster
appeared at the village pump
stating: "Look. Going cheap.
White Lady for sale. She gets
about. She's a flirt."

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

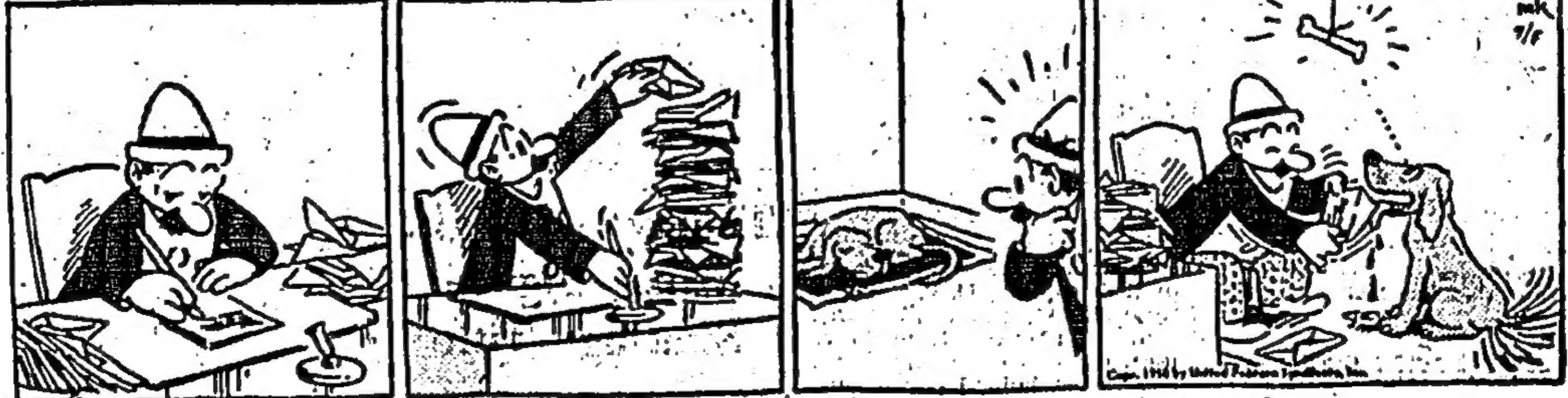
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"CARTHAGE"	8th February	2nd April
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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CHUBAN"	21st February	20th March
"CANTON"	13th March	13th April
"CARTHAGE"	5th April	6th May
"CORFU"	8th May	6th June

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	sails 6th Mar.	for Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OBRA"	due 21st Feb.	from Japan
	sails 23rd Feb.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kuwait, Khartoum, Basrah & P. Gulf

"OZARDA"	due 26th Feb.	from P. Gulf, Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore
	sails 27th Feb.	for Japan

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

"NELLORE"	arrives 17th Feb.	from Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane
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Boy Hung On Under Lorry For 150 Miles

Birmingham, Feb. 15.
A 15-year-old boy was being held by the police here after a 150-mile ride of terror, wedged under a lorry.

For six hours without a break the boy in shirt and dungarees, who had escaped from a Salvation Army probation hostel at Penyrail, Glamorgan, clung to a cross member under the lorry.

In the pouring rain, a mud-covered firm from head to foot, he clutched a four-inch-long angle iron, rested his shoulders on the cross-piece, his feet on the brake rods. The propeller shaft whirled four inches from his face, and the hot silencer and exhaust were also close to him.

Mr Albert Ming, 37-year-old lorry driver employed by a Birmingham building firm, had gone to the hostel to collect materials. While he was having a cup of tea the boy hid under the lorry.

Six hours and 150 miles later the headlights of a car in Acoles Green, Birmingham, showed up the black, clinging figure. The motorist picked up two policemen and went after the lorry.

The lad was brought out trembling with nervous tension, but unhurt. A policeman said: "He didn't even need a doctor. Just a bath."

Japanese Consume More Textiles

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

The Economic Investigation Board of the Japanese Government today announced consumption of textiles for clothing in Japan exceeded last year's pre-war level.
The consumption per capita reached 9.97 pounds.
This was 40 per cent more than the previous year's level.

SMARTIES



MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Yokohama & Kobe
"MEINAM" Apr. 3	Apr. 3	Japan

Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"FAY HILL" Mar. 7	Mar. 7	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Marseilles via Manila
"COURSEUILLES" Apr. 8	Apr. 8	N. Africa & Europe
"MEINAM" Apr. 20	Apr. 20	N. Africa & Europe

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Mexico Expected To Be Buyer Of Textile Machinery

Mexico City, Feb. 15.

The British Chamber of Commerce reports prospects are bright for Mexico to open its doors to new foreign textile machinery.

The report, published in the Chamber's monthly Bulletin, was addressed primarily to British machinery builders. But it is sure to interest both U. S. manufacturers, who have supplied most of the new machinery in recent years, and Japan, which is making a drive for this market.

In fact, there have been reports a Japanese company will build a factory here to turn out new looms.

The study reported that 85 per cent of the spinning machinery in Mexico is old and that 95 per cent of the looms are non-automatic. Mexico has 935,992 spindles and 34,133 looms in 278 mills.

The Bulletin added:

"It is of particular interest to note that whereas hitherto the policy of the past administration has been to draw on the national industries that find themselves hampered by problems, consisting in the prohibition of competitive cotton goods and woollen goods imports, more recently the Government seems to have realised that no healthy industrial growth can be expected under such conditions, and that the problem rather has to be grappled with in its fundamentals and not in its effect."

NO FURTHER

The report added, however, that the market for new machinery will not be opened

Problem Of Trade Between East And West: A Proposal By Harriman

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MARKETS

In his final report to Congress, Mr. W. Averell Harriman, Mutual Security Director in the Truman Administration, referred to the working of the U. S. Battle Act, which was designed to cut off the flow of strategic goods and materials to Soviet Russia and her satellites.

He expressed the opinion that changes are now due to permit more realistic action to conform to practices of present trade between the Soviet bloc and the countries enjoying the benefits of United States financial and other assistance.

Such action would allow a measure of increased trade between the East and the West countries; the East stretching from the westernmost tip of Czechoslovakia eastwards as far as Shanghai and Vladivostok in the U. S. S. R.

The recent barter agreement between Ceylon and China affords perhaps the most outstanding instance of this "East-West" trade in the supply by Ceylon of rubber in exchange for rice. In Europe, however, long traditions of trade exchange persist and several of the countries in the Organization for European Economic Co-operation have been compelled by trade necessity openly to effect exchanges of goods, many of a strategic nature, with Russia and China.

RECORD SHIPMENTS

The monthly bulletin of the Suez Canal Company records shipments of iron ores in great quantities moving east from China to western European ports. In exchange China has received fertilisers, finished metal goods and machinery and wood pulp, all in very large quantities.

It is Mr. Harriman's aim that countries which are forced to trade with the iron curtain nations should be helped to develop new sources for the materials which they now import from the Soviet bloc and that they should also be helped to find markets for those goods which they feel at present can only be sold to the Communist-dominated areas.

A reduction in trade barriers, not only by the United States but by other free world nations is one of the steps advocated by Mr. Harriman to reduce the pressure for trading with the "East." Another is intensification of programmes for increased production of coal and grain, which some European countries are being forced to buy from central and eastern European areas.

Wider concepts of the Battle Act will be necessary if the objective of that Act is the real economic defence of the United States. The United Kingdom, France and Italy during the second half of last year, made shipments of strategic items valued at \$2,500,000 to iron curtain countries in accordance with pre-Battle Act commitments. In part, exchange, the U. S. purchased from the U. S. S. R. coarse grains and timber, and France and Italy grain and coal. Western Germany is reported to have supplied strategic materials to the value of over \$10,000,000.

EUROPEAN JOURNEY

Mr. Harold Stassen is now Mutual Security Administrator in the Eisenhower administration. Accompanied by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the new U. S. Secretary of State, he has just completed a fact-finding mission to Europe, the result of which may lead to a re-orientation of the U. S. trade policy with Western Europe. His financial aid is required. Germany's economy is so nearly stable that she too can dispense with aid unless re-armament is imposed upon her, and the United Kingdom is struggling to get along with its aid. Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are to proceed shortly to Washington for talks. Before they leave, exchanges of views with Mr. Stassen and John Foster Dulles will likely take place on trade generally, on trade with the Soviet bloc countries and on trade with China in view of the U. S. action in giving the Nationalist Chinese in Formosa a free hand in the military zone against Communist China. The political atmosphere is fraught with the possibility that Nationalist China can exert pressure to call off, at long last, the war in Korea, open up China to unfettered trade, and thereby open up the vast potential areas in Asia and in Europe.

Within recent months some of the countries, which had to impose import cuts for balance of payments purposes, and which were overstocked with goods before the imposition of the Battle Act, now reached the stage to resume more normal trading.

Australia is one such country. The prospects of a new period of larger trade exchanges with her are detailed in the current monthly summary of Australian conditions issued by the National Bank of Australasia. This states that the 1952-1953 economic season as a whole may be accounted better than was earlier expected. The past year, it is stated, showed a record output of black coal in New South Wales, where total production for the year, at slightly more than 15 million tons, exceeded the previous year's output by about 10 per cent.

Largely as a result of such improvements, the iron and steel industries are making better progress both with current production and with development. The going is still not easy in some of the textile industries and there are "difficult patches" in engineering and paper making. Generally, however, Australian secondary industry has begun the new year "in better heart than it commenced the financial year."

"The 1952-1953 season had begun in circumstances which, by comparison with preceding years, were unfavourable," continues the summary. "The wool market appeared uncertain, the wheat acreage was reduced, internal trade was sluggish, iron stocks were high, and unemployment in industry, though small, was increasing."

"Whilst some of the most difficult problems which accompanied those industries, such as high costs and shortages of investment funds, are yet to be solved, the worst fears which were abroad six months ago have not been realised, and the evidence is widespread that conditions are now better in the primary industry and in internal trade as well as for employment and for much of secondary industry."

EXCEPTIONAL YIELD

Australia's recent spring and early summer harvests have been unusually plentiful. Late shearing, foot rot and sudden hot, however, have to be placed against the benefits of copious rain. Notwithstanding, the season's yield from agriculture has been exceptional. The wheat crop, at an expected total of about 175 million bushels, will be much above first estimates, and will exceed by about 15 million bushels the crop of last season harvested from a larger acreage. Yields from oat crops are also heavy, while the barley harvest in the south, and the sugar cane harvest in the north, are both at record levels. Dairy production has also recovered from last season's low returns, while many minor agricultural crops are satisfactory.

The influence upon trade of improved conditions in the primary industries is nowhere more apparent than in Queensland where total sales of many trades for the half year to December 31 last exceeded the totals for the corresponding period in 1951. These favourable results were no doubt partly a reflection of recovery from the dry period of 1951-1952. "With the reduction in stocks in retail and wholesale trade," comments the summary, "there has followed an increase in orders to manufacturers and a proportion of these employees stood down earlier in 1952 has been re-engaged... while there has been better prospect for the remainder of the season may give rise to satisfaction, it yet remains for this improvement to be converted to a more assured prospect for a longer term."

THE LONG VIEW

"In the long view there can be no doubt that the opportunity is there for growth and progress in many sections of Australian industry. Evidence of an expanding world need of raw materials in the production of which this country can play a part is amply given in the report made by the Paley Commission in the United States. Neither the resources of Australia, its technical ability nor the capacity of its workers is of a low order by world standards, and if some of the extra-burdens which add to production costs were lightened, it may well emerge

that there is less of uneconomic production within the country than it seems fashionable to suppose."

The Paley Commission in its report has been obliged to make several broad assumptions in computing its estimates of demand during the 25 years from 1950. The principal economic assumptions are that the gross national product of the United States will have doubled by 1975 and that the increase for other free countries will range from 62 per cent for the United Kingdom to 220 per cent for Japan. For Australia and New Zealand the projected increase in gross product over this quarter-century is 158 per cent.

Fast experience has shown that for the United States somewhere between 50 and 60 per cent increase in the total materials supply would be needed to achieve a doubling of a total national production. The demand for metals and mineral fuels would rise by more than this average and the demand for agricultural products by slightly less.

Heavier American demands would expand dollar earnings of other countries and promote greater stability in international trade, it is stated. Australia is among the countries which would seem to possess a reasonably favourable long-term dollar prospect. Apart from the possibilities in wool, this prospect arises mainly from the heavy increases which seem probable in American import demands for lead and zinc, for both of which materials Australia is rated as a major potential supplier.

Maiden Voyage Of Tanker

New York, Feb. 15. Sinclair Refining Co. is awaiting delivery of the new flagship of its tanker fleet, the Japanese-built Petro Kure. The 38,000 deadweight-ton vessel is now on her maiden voyage from the Persian Gulf to Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, following construction at the Kure City yards of National Bulk Carriers, Inc. The Petro Kure has wrested the "heavyweight championship" tanker title from the 32,745-ton World Concord. But the honour will not last. There are a number of 44,000-tonners now under construction, two of them for the World Tanker Corp., headed by the Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos. Sinclair reported the Petro Kure's 278,000-barrel capacity will, on a schedule of two voyages a month, permit it to handle 6.6 million barrels of oil a year, en route from Amoy Bay, Venezuela, and Marcus Hook—Associated Press.

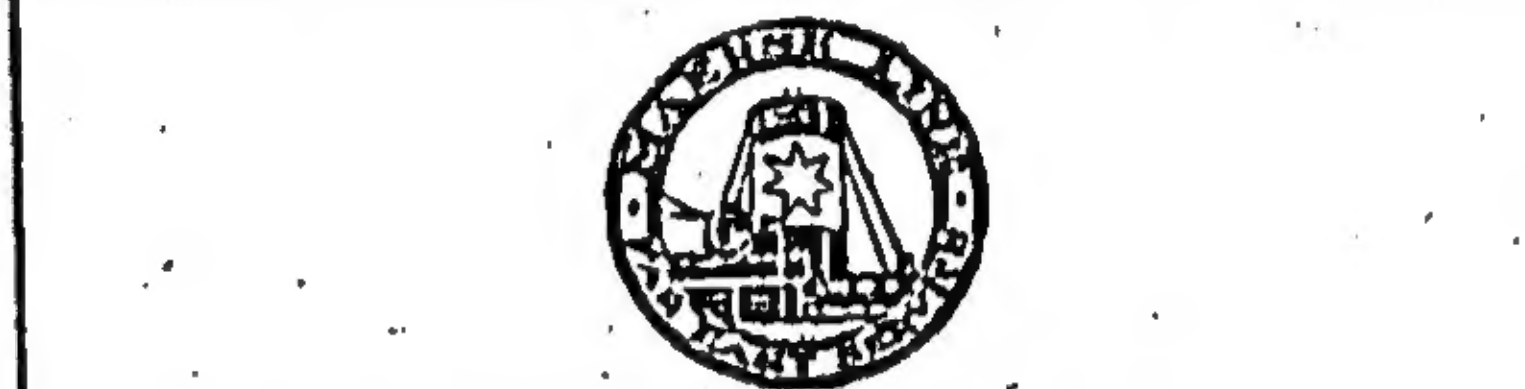
Italy Building Vessels For Indonesia

Montefiore, Feb. 15. The first of 10 coastal passenger and freight motorships to be built for Indonesia by Italian shipyards was launched here today. Named the "Naira," the ship is a 425-ton vessel, 155 feet long and able to carry 200 passengers as well as freight. Indonesia's Minister to Italy, Sukarno Virjoprananto, and his wife attended the launching ceremony at Montefiore's United Adriatic shipyards, which will build four more of the ships. Five more will be built during the next few months by other shipyards at Trieste and Muggia—Associated Press.

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LIVING COSTS IN U.S. DOWN

New York, Feb. 15. The cost of living in the U. S. is falling. However, the easing in the pressure on the pocketbook has been only slight, and only in some items. No big drop in prices of goods that consumers buy is expected. And families may find the cost of some of the things they now consider necessities will go up a little.

But food costs are now three or five per cent lower than this time last year, according to Government estimates. The price drops in recent months in the commodity markets are finally showing up in the retail stores.

Housewives are pleasantly surprised when they price meat in the butcher shops. They find the price tags on most clothing items lower than a year ago. It costs a little less to furnish a house.

Many wholesale commodity prices are back to the pre-Korean war level. The rub comes when you compare the new and slightly lower prices in the stores now with the prices before World War II. The cost of living index still rises high above its pre-war level. Retail price averages are about twice as high as they were 12 years ago. And they average more than 10 per cent higher than June, 1950, when the Korean war started.

NEW STANDARDS But in many significant items they have slipped from their peaks. One thing that keeps the cost of living high for most families is their changing living standards. Families now regard as necessities items and services they may not even have heard of before World War II. Most of these are aimed at cutting time and labour.

The sale of frozen foods, for instance, is seven times greater now than before Pearl Harbor. Automatic washing machines, driers, dishwashers, new and better refrigerators and stoves are now classed as necessities in many homes.

The air conditioning industry claims that its cooling devices will be considered standard equipment not so long from now. PAY INCREASES Television has edged into the "necessity" class since the war. And families with the older, smaller screens are beginning to consider themselves underprivileged. To help meet this higher standard of living, weekly paychecks have mercifully gone up for most workers. They may never seem to go up enough. But the Government says the average factory worker is now getting 22 per cent more pay than before the Korean war started. To fill the new demands, industry has set its sights high. In the last 13 years the population of the United States has increased about 18 per cent. In those same years the Government says that total production in this country has risen 70 per cent (figured in units, rather than in dollar prices). People are spending fairly freely. The nation's food stores, for instance, had just over \$40,000,000,000 worth of food last year. The raising of some prices will help consumers buy more of other things. And businessmen doubt if there will be just one price increase to consumers as a result of the ending of controls. Later, perhaps, when some metal prices go up, some of the goods that are now "necessities" might be priced a little higher. —Associated Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Man Of Affairs

RICHARD looked the sort of man who is for ever being photographed being seen off at home airports by batteries of protective personal assistants, or welcomed at foreign fields by hopeful Ministers of Commerce or Finance.

The shape of his head was suggestive of brain-power, the trim cut of his grey hair, the splendid fit of his dark overcoat, made clear the importance he attached to his appearance. The deep lines on his face, the puffed eyes, might have borne witness to the warmth of hospitality an international business man must endure.

Richard stepped smartly into the dock at Great Marlborough Street and, curiously as a magnate saying, "No comment," to a reporter, he pleaded guilty to the charge against him. He was accused of stealing, as a servant, £51 10s. 3d. from the car-hire firm that had employed him.

"HE complains," said the detective in charge of the case, to Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate, "that there was no safe at the garage where he worked, and that he had to take money home with him at night. Later, he took it to the firm's head office. On this occasion, he took in only £13, instead of £54 10s. 3d."

"What do you know about him?" Mr Bennett asked.

"He's a man aged 55," the officer said, "he has six children, three of them grown up, the youngest, 12 months old. There are four previous convictions..."

He began to read the list. Six months' prison for stealing as a servant, in the early '30s... twelve months for false pretences in 1936, when 70 offences were taken into consideration... three consecutive sentences of 15 months in 1941 for false pretences again... then a three-year sentence, when 195 further cases came to light.

"WHEN he came out of prison," the officer went on, "the first worked as a costing clerk at £8 a week, then he formed his own export company. This went into liquidation in 1949. Since then, he's worked for a car-hire firm."

"What was the nature of the false pretences?" Mr Bennett asked.

"It was the managerial equivalent to 'What's His Name'?" the detective answered. "There is one thing to say in his favour, he's been very frank."

And Richard was still prepared, evidently, to be unduly frank, for drawing himself up, he addressed the magistrate in the assured tones of a chairman presenting a highly satisfactory annual report.

"FOR 12 years," he said, "I worked hard to build up the business. I was very successful, very successful indeed. But for events in India—political events—I should by now have five factories worth £2 million."

"Because of political events, the firm went into liquidation. I had to sell everything." Still confident, the chairman passed from old history to more current affairs.

"In the case of this charge," he said, "I suppose I have been over-zealous in trying to obtain more business. To get new business, you have to be hospitable, you know. Half-porters give us most of our trade, you have to do a good deal of entertaining. I had this money in my pocket, as there wasn't a safe in the office and... well, I will try to pay the money back. I can start a new job, there is someone who has faith in me. I have heavy responsibilities, you know, three young children, wife, mother and father-in-law, still, I will pay it back."

"BUT for your record," the magistrate said, "I would have attached great importance to that. But it seems to me you are a man who cannot be trusted with money. You will go to prison for six months."

"Thank you," said Richard. He went lightly down the dock steps towards the cells, glancing towards the Press-box as he went. "No comment," his light-lipped expression seemed to say to the reporters.

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Living Language

Why we say Monkey.

The Latin words, *mea domina* mean "My Lady" and became the Italian word *Madonna*. This was contracted to *monna* to mean "an old lady" and this in turn became *monicchio*. Monkeys were so called because they looked like little old ladies wrapped in furs.

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Stevenson Annoys The Republicans

Washington, Feb. 15. American Republicans today accused Mr Adlai Stevenson of "confused thinking" while Democrats rallied behind their 1952 Presidential candidate for his criticism yesterday of what he called the Eisenhower Administration's "dollar diplomacy."

Mr Stevenson came here to meet Democratic members of Congress in three days of party conferences before leaving on a world trip to "educate" himself on foreign problems.

His criticism of what he called "the big stick or the ultimatum" tactics in dealing with European Allies brought vigorous Republican reaction.

Senator Frank Carlson (Republican Kansas) said: "Mr Stevenson seemed to be in favour of 'the New Deal philosophy' of continuing a Santa Claus programme for Europe."

"I think our people want to continue aid to Europe and continue support of NATO," Senator Carlson said, "but they want a realistic approach—they want to know that their aid is accomplishing something and is not just a case of pouring money down a rat hole."

On the other hand, Senator Guy Gillette (Democrat Iowa), a Foreign Relations Committee member, said: "He agreed thoroughly with Mr Stevenson that co-operation with Europe on defence against Communism 'cannot be accomplished by threats, either open or indirect.'"

Huk Ambush

Manila, Feb. 15. The Army reported that 10 soldiers were wounded on Saturday in an ambush by Communist Huk in Central Luzon.

The attack took place at the foothills of the Zambales mountain range near Mangatarem town in Pangasinan Province.

The disbanding withdrew on arrival of troop reinforcements. —Associated Press.

THE BOHEMIANS VANISH FROM THE MUSIC CLASS



STONE'S THROW from the Royal College of Music is the Albert Hall, where many ex-students have performed. Left to right: Shirley Hopkins (18), from Bristol, who plays French horn as well as 'cello; Jill Amherst (19), who started playing double-bass at Cheltenham Ladies' College; Peter Carter (17), who came from Durban, South Africa, with an heirloom violin which his grandfather, Wilfred Carter, played in London's old Queen's Hall Orchestra; and Maureen Powell (19), West Hampstead, 'celist, who took up music (piano to begin with) as a nine-year-old war-time evacuee.

The boxer, the scientist and the Guardsman take over

FROM the concert hall front come tales of fewer orchestral jobs than during the boom years just after the war. Yet the Royal College of Music is busy from morning till night.

So many youngsters come crowding in for musical training that they have to be warded off by stiff entrance examinations. For each new student enrolled, three at least are turned down. Every year 120 boys and girls finish their training, most of them on scholarships or with public aid of one sort or another. As new-hatched college diploma, passport (as they view it) to a £10-a-week job pretty soon if you're fairly lucky.

"There are very few who don't get appointments or work of some kind immediately," says Sir George Dyson, director of the college.

The Musicians' Union take a slightly less rosy view. Up to now youngsters who did not drop into orchestral berths were reasonably sure of music teaching jobs in schools. But, with education authorities beginning to count their pennies more carefully, the question is whether all these school jobs are going to last. On this point the Musicians' Union is doubtful, but hopes Sir George is right.

1, 2 AND 3

Meantime one thing is certain: the market place has no use for the half-baked. Taking their turn for individual tuition under 80 or so instrumental professors in the college's numerous studios, 400 or 500 students tootle, scrape and tinkle away for dear life, frowning with concentration.

The college has two student orchestras, each 30 to 40 strong. But that isn't enough. The students have formed a third orchestra which they run not for the fun of the thing but out of keenness to make good. They elect conductors in rotation from their own ranks.

Gathering twice a week, during lunch hour or at night, in the college's sumptuous concert hall, Orchestra No. 3 canters through new or old music, which other orchestras never or rarely play.

NEW APPROACH

In the college's opera house, I found William Reid, aged 30, putting in a splendid afternoon through their paces in The Husband on the Mat, a translated Offenbach opera. Reid strikes a new and actually unorthodox approach to music. At 20 he took a Polytechnic science degree, became a research chemist in a mammoth plant, found he was becoming just one more cog among thousands, waded out after three years, got a diploma for piano playing and set up a part-time business in the family sitting-room at Sunbury-on-Thames. He coaches and crams in maths, teaches science at a junior institute, has more than a score of piano pupils, plays a church organ. All this, at week-ends and in evenings, brings in £250 a year, of which £100 goes in college fees. No time for dreams.

"If I'm ever going to be a conductor," thinks Reid, "I mustn't waste a minute or a penny." But everybody at college seems to be muttering the same thing. Alex Mann is 25, handman in the Irish Guards. He leads a

by CHARLES REID

WATER POLO MAN

Oliver Carey, in charge of the open-air swimming pool, is encouraging David ("Pat") Ward to do much the same thing with his promise of bass voice. Ward is another of the new-type music students, a useful heavy-weight boxer, crack water-polo player, knows a lot about the game and is an excellent teacher in a Sheffield primary school—for just three months. Not a bad background for oratorio. Already he is singing publicly in provincial Messiahs and the 13 minor Mass (Bach).

The girls at college have even fewer minutes to spare than the men. After all, they outnumber them by three to two, which means they find it harder to get jobs. On nights off they take the underground to the Festival Hall or cross the road to the Albert Hall.

They note with misgiving that in some orchestras there are no women players at all, in others only a few. No matter how well we play there's a prejudice against us," they tell themselves.

AN ORCHESTRA?

Then another thought occurs: "How nice it would be if there were a full-scale women's symphony orchestra in London." But always some disillusioned elder points out that women's symphony orchestras have been tried and have never really worked. Audiences, too, it seems, have their prejudices.

But for old college girls who don't settle their problems by teaching or by marrying, there are always openings in chamber music teams, and the smaller orchestras especially. It would be a sad day for English music if the feminine touch and feminine talents were to disappear from English concert platforms.

JILL HAYWARD (19), of Whitton, Middlesex, plays harp in one of college's three orchestras. Father, Tom Hayward, plays harp for B.B.C. So does her twin brother Jack, now on National Service.

European Floods: Meteorologists And Hydrographers Criticised

Copenhagen, Feb. 15. Mr J. Egevad, a Danish scientist and meteorological expert, believes that the recent floods in Britain and Holland might have been largely avoided and many hundreds of lives saved if there had been better co-operation between meteorologists and hydrographers.

This would, he claims, have enabled warning to have been sent out six or seven hours in advance of the high tides.

Northeast of Scotland, he says, there was a low pressure area. This often occurs; but this particular low pressure



MAUREEN POWELL could nearly get inside the double-bass, which is one of her instruments.



PATRICIA CARROLL (20), of Anster, S.E., won college gold medal as best pianist of 1951. At 10 she was playing classics in U.S. Army camps here. Plays in Macmillan's Third Concerto at college concert on June 5. Left: her teacher, Professor Arthur Alexander, whose music she is playing.



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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"What do you know? I just waited on a soldier who didn't pull a baby picture on me!"

Effects Of TV On Children

UNESCO Survey

Paris, Feb. 16. A survey of television in Britain, the United States and France shows it has not affected children's school work, but has resulted in both children and adult viewers reading fewer books.

The survey issued yesterday by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) dealt with the future of television in the classroom and its educational value among all age groups.

It revealed conflicting appreciations of television which varied from an American educator's "as dangerous to culture as the atom bomb is to civilisation" to a grateful parent's comment: "Television keeps Billy off the streets. It's a built-in baby sitter."

It also quoted the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, who described TV as "nothing less than a perfect disaster. It drives another wedge between the teacher and the pupil."

The survey revealed that in Britain there were 1,500,000 receivers and in France, the only country which had developed regular educational television (TV) programmes, there were only 50,000. In the United States which had 109 television stations, there were 17,000,000 receivers.

FAMILIES UNITED

The survey said the claim that TV brought families closer together was true in the sense that they spent more time in each other's company.

It said television had brought to the youngest people an awareness of the outside world which newspapers, movies and radio had first brought to older age groups. Five and six year-olds watched TV longer than older people.

The survey commented: "But bedtime is often a serious problem."

It said the subjects most suitable for television were social studies (including government history and geography), music, current events, English literature and art—in that order.

On teenagers, television kept the 18 to 19 year-olds at home more.

The survey said that in Britain TV had lessened visits to the movies by 40 per cent in the afternoon and one-third at night. A study in the New York metropolitan area showed 49 per cent of book readers said they had not read books since they bought a television receiver. —Reuter.

From The Files 100 Years Ago

The New Year Holidays at Canton have passed with unusual quiet; the only remarkable incident connected with them being the capture of a Chinese Jack Shepherd, in whom our Indian and English contemporaries may perhaps detect a rebel or spy of rebels.

A month ago he took a house of considerable size in the 12th ward of the City, where he lived in such luxury, and made such a display of wealth as excited the attention of the neighbours, which might have been agreeable to the stranger, but that it was accompanied with suspicions as to his character, which brought the police to him; and the whole household having been captured and taken to prison, upwards of £20,000 was found on the premises. While the authorities were engaged in trying to ascertain how the money had been come by, some of the prisoners, not choosing to wait the result of such inquiries, contrived to effect their escape through the roof of the prison, in the sight of many of the townfolk, who were too much amused with the scene to mar it by capturing the fugitives, and this some of our Indian brethren will probably regard as a very suspicious circumstance.

THE WONG AKEE CASE

In our last issue, we id before our readers an account of a case of oppression and "squeeze." In which the former Wong Akee, alias Ma-tso-wong, figured conspicuously; but it appears there was a slight mistake in saying he had received £30, the sum actually paid to him being £20, with a promise however of £10 more; and as this latter sum was not forthcoming, (the poor girl, named Akee, having had to borrow the £20 at an interest of only 10 per cent per month,) he stopped her one day in the street, and told her that, unless she paid it forthwith, he would "take her out to Chin-tai-toy, (the village on the Kowloon shore,) and cut her into little pieces."

The girl, in a state of great perturbation, applied to a European for advice, and he directed a note to be written to Ma-tso-wong, to the effect, that unless the £20 was instantly repaid, a summons would be taken out against him. To this Ma-tso-wong refused to accede, and a verbal reply by the police, that if Akee would meet him in a certain house in Tal-ping-chen, he would pay her.

A SECOND NOTE

It would have been posterous for the girl to have trusted herself in this company, so another note was written to him; and the answer thereto proving anything but satisfactory, a summons was applied for and obtained for the Petty Sessions on Monday last, when, after a lengthy investigation, in which a considerable amount of perjury was proved against the defendant's witnesses, Mr. Hillier gave judgment in the Plaintiff's favour for the £20, with interest and costs; and as, in consequence of the threats held out by Ma-tso-wong to Akee, she considered her life in danger, on the matter being represented to the Chief Magistrate, he bound the Defendant over to keep the peace under bonds for £200, himself in £500, and another in a like amount. But having since declared that he will not be balked of his revenge for eight thousand dollars, we trust the police will keep their eyes upon him.

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H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Hour presented by Betty Ann (Studio); 7.00, The Magic Box of Comedy (Studio); 7.15, A Dramatic Entertainment with songs, comedies, and dances, presented by the Paknam. Written and Produced by Joe Burroughs; 7.30, Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.45, Philip Green and his Orchestra with Larry Cross and Eve Rowell (Vocal); 7.55, Artists of the Week—Kath. Walker (Studio); 7.55, Weather Report; 8.00, London News (Studio); 8.15, I like presented by Gladys Rogers (Studio); 8.30, World News and News Talk (Studio); 8.45, Concert—Concert in G Major (F.C. 401 (Akkor))—Arthur H. Hoad (Vocal); 9.00, The London Symphony; 9.15, Concert by the London Symphony; 9.30, Concert by the London Symphony; 9.45, Concert by the London Symphony; 10.00, Concert by the London Symphony; 10.15, Concert by the London Symphony; 10.30, Concert by the London Symphony; 10.45, Concert by the London Symphony; 11.00, Concert by the London Symphony; 11.15, Concert by the London Symphony; 11.30, Concert by the London Symphony; 11.45, Concert by the London Symphony; 12.00, Concert by the London Symphony.